

**T**he begynnynge and foundacyon of the holy hospytall  
of the orde of the knyghtes hospytallers of saynt Johan bap-  
tyst of Jerusalem.



**D**edue auncyent and holy hystories reherse  
thewe that the deuout hous & holy religion of  
knyghtes hospytallers of saynt Johan baptyst  
of Jerusalem toke begynnynge after that Alex-  
andre the grete kynge of Macedony had conques-  
ted the yndes / and that the trouthe of his deche  
was knownen in Babylon / the worthy and valy-  
aunt knyghtes Machabees by theyr vertuous  
power put out of Jerusalem the paynymys and people of straunge ge-  
neracyons: and let the Jewes beynge dyligent in the scrupce of god  
in to theyr freidome and lybertees. And syth that tyme the sayd pay-  
nymys made grete warre agaynst them of Jerusalem. But synaby  
Whan the right noble knyght / champyon of knowlege dyuyn / and  
byctoryous tryumphatour Judas Machabeus (that worshypped  
one god) gloriously had delpyered the sayd holy cyte fro the tyranny  
of the sayd enemyes. yet agayne he apparayled his army agaynst  
infydeles: & ordeyned with all thynges necessary in the sayd cyte w  
grete courage assayed / fought / and dyscomfyted them. In the whi-  
che batayle many of the people of Israhell were slayne / hurte / and  
maymed. **W**han he was retorned in to Jerusalem he considered  
that it was deuout and merytorious to pray for them þ were slayne  
in batayle / dyde ordeyne and instyrued that in holy places contynue  
all prayers sholde be made for them that so deyed / & also sustenaunce  
to be gyuen to them that were seke and impotent.

**A**ccertayne tyme after this instyrucion the deuout prophete & no-  
ble knyght of the people of Israhell Johanes Bicarnus founded an  
hospytall that was named Xenodoche of such money & treasour as  
had be taken and founde in the tombe of kynge Dauyd / with þ whi-  
che he had delpyered the holy cyte of Jerusalem fro the spege þ was  
layde to it by kynge Antiochus named Epyphanes persecutour of  
the name of god / that dystroyed the temple of Salomon / the whiche  
after was reedyfied by the Machabees. In þ whiche hospytall as  
folower of Judas Machabeus he ordeyned cotynuall prayers to be  
sayd / & the impotetes / weyke people / pylgrymes / and seke persons  
sholde be deuoutly receyued / refreshed / and nourysshed.

**B**y successyon of tyme the edyfycacon and instyrucion of this  
sayd holy hospytall abode vnto þ incarnacyon of our sauour  
and redemptour Ihesu cryst / that howbeit he was ryche / for vs he

made hymselfe poore. Therefore we ought deuoutly to consyde that  
of tymes w his bodily presence he vyfited þ sayd hospytall there do-  
yng many holy werkes and myracles by his dyuine goodnesse. &  
that in the sayd place the holy apostles and dysciples of Ihesu cryst  
haue doone many werkes of mercy to the people. Certaynly it is not  
to be doubted scynge that our lord and sauour before his passyon  
dyde magnify and glozify many vnworthy places in the cyte of Je-  
rusalem by his holy werkes: but that also of his grace he hath illu-  
mynded and ennoblyshed the sayd hospytall of Ierusalem beyng a  
holy place conforthe and socour of poore and seke people. ¶ After the  
passyon of our sauour Ihesu cryst by occasyon of synnes and iniquy-  
tees of the people of Jewes the sayd holy cyte of Ierusalem hath suf-  
fred grete desolacions and ruynes in the tyme of Tytus and Vaspas-  
yan Emperours of Rome that ryght byctoziously toke vengeance  
for the cruell bloodshed of our sauour Ihesu cryst. And by dyuers y-  
maners of the cursed paynymys the sayd holy cyte hath ben polluted  
and spoyled and by many nacyns ouercome & dystroyed. By these  
sayd dystruccyns and byolacions the temple of Salomon restored  
by the knyghres Machabees and the sayd hospytall founded by Jos-  
han Hycarnus with other holy places haue ben desolated, vplypens-  
ded and wasted in suche wyse that the religyous obseruaunce of the  
knyghthode and hospytalyte by certayne space was decayde & left.  
But afterwarde the sayd Cyte and temple was restored agayne by  
Adryan elius emperour of Rome. ¶ For this cause the sayd Realme  
of Ierusalem beyng destitute and bereued of all faynnesse and orna-  
mentes haunye in it reynynge people of dyuers generacions &  
sectes the crysten people of all the worlde as well of one countree as  
of another went thyder in grete peryll to vlyste the holy sepulchre &  
other holy places. In the whiche cyte þ crysten people Latyns sub-  
gette to the chyrche of Rome had no maner of socour nor habytacion  
and therfore they suffred grete outrages, perylls, hurtes, necessityes,  
pouerte of bytaile and bodily subgettyngs, beten, damaged,  
wounded, slaundred, inturped, and euill entreated of the mysbe-  
liuers there dwellinge. In suche wyse that many deyed in the wayes  
and stretes as beestes, not without spete of the holy saythe. For the-  
re was no man that confortted them for the cruellnesse of the inhaby-  
tauntes. ¶ These causes seen by a deuout & vertuous man of holy  
lypynge moued & induced of the holy goost named Guerarde a blyssed  
pylgrime loufge god and despyng the helthe of his soule whi-  
che was comen thyder on pylgrymage consyderynge the submyssy-  
on, perylls and domages of the deuout persones that came thyder  
purposed to make and edify a newe hospytal to be þ refuge, socour,





and habytacpon offseke/impotent/and pooze pylgrymes/ to the exa-  
ple of the fyrst Xenodoche/ & in renewsynge by imytacion the holy ob-  
seruaunce of the noble knyghtes Judas Machabeus and Johñ hy-  
carnus. And for the doyng therof he gate lycence of the prynce that  
then helde the lordeshyp of Jerusalem. Then Guerrarde as folowere  
of the good doynges & customes of them abouclayd made & edifyed  
a newe hospytall in a place by him cholen nygh to the sepulchre of our  
lorde Ihesu cryst. the whiche hospytal was dedycate to saynt Johñ  
baptyst as patron/ bycause that his fader zachary rested in that pla-  
ce whan he came to do sacrifyce in Jerusalem. ¶ Whan the sayd ho-  
sptyall was partlytely synplyshed/ & ordred and arayed with good cus-  
tomes & werkes Guerrarde as louer of the holy crysten saythe gaue  
and yelded hymselfe in to the seruyce of the same/ to mynystre & serue  
the pooze people. and induced his felawes that were come thyder w-  
hym to do in lyke wyse. And thus they made a holy company & fra-  
ternyte togyder/ without makynge bolwe of religyon/ or chaungyn-  
ge of theyr secular habyte. But onely bysynge meke clothynge they  
bounde themselves to the seruyce of the holy saythe catholyke/ and to  
the pooze pylgrimes and seke people. In the whiche truly all þe wer-  
kes of mercy were dyligently done/ the pooze people susteyned and  
ordred/ the seke healed/ the holy sacramentes mynystred/ the pylgry-  
mes and desolate defended from enemyes of the saythe/ and receyued  
conforted/ and holpen/ the prysoners redemed/ & al hospytalyte was  
celebrate and bled. For þe whiche holy werkes the sayd hospytall in  
shorte tyme was augmented and replenysshed with possessions and  
lordeshyppes. And thus by dyligence and labour of Guerrarde the co-  
dycyon and estate of the sayd hospytall beyng accomplyshed and  
known/ the holy syge apostolyke at the supplicacyon of the sayd  
Guerrarde toke the sayd Xenodoche in to his protectyon/ & of the same  
named him founde/ erectour/ and defender. And the holy fader pope  
Lucius the secorde defended that none sholde presume byolently for-  
occupy the gouernynge and mynystracyon of the sayd hospytall/ but  
that by them that were admytted in the seruyce of þe sayd holy ordre  
one sholde be cholen that sholde rule ouer them. And euery daye ma-  
ny deuout pylgrimes induced to the loue & defence of the holy saythe  
put themselves in to the seruyce and ruycyon of the same. & with o-  
ther pylgrimes comynge to Jerusalem & other holy places toke armes  
agaynst the enemyes of the saythe/ & defended them agaynst theyr in-  
uasours. And as veray folowers of the noble knyghtes Judas Ma-  
chabeus & Johñ hycarn⁹ they made excreyte to kepe þe saythe & ho-  
sptyalyte/ & for þe loue of god toke armes. ¶ Whan Guerrarde had ru-  
led the hospytall þe space of. xvi. yere he passed out of this present lyfe.

And than by electyon of þ̄ deuout persons a man named Raymōde beyng of grete vertues and merytes was chosen mayster of þ̄ sayd knyghthode & hospytall. The whiche Raymonde as wyse & laudable promysynge / ratyfynge / and approuynge þ̄ holy fader pope Eugenius the thyrde of that name ordeyned / and instytuted the rule & habyte of the knyghtes and hospytallers / whiche is a whyte crosse with. viii. poyntes / and a blacke cloke or mantell. To þ̄ whiche rule many noble men: as well clerkes as lay people vnder the sayd habyte with or he admytted themselves. ¶ The sayd ordre of knyghthode & hospytal was fulfilled with renowne and rychesse vnder the gouernynge of the sayd Raymonde fyrst mayster. specially after the reducyon of the holy cyte of Iherusalem to crysten men. Of the whiche entrepryse Godfrey of Boleynne was victorvous capytayne. ¶ Folowynge the maners of the sayd mayster many of his successours and adherentes haue doone many grete and worthy feates as it is euidently conteyned in the hystories of the gestes of Rodes. the whiche at this tyme is not of necessitye to reherse. for it is not our purpose to wyte hystories. it is sufficient to haue shewed the begynnynge & foundacyon of the sayd ordre. But in what maner and in what tyme the sayd knyghthode / hospytalyte / and holy obseruacyon came in to Rodes / and the successyon of the gestes / the Rodyen hystories more playnly sheweth and declareth. ¶

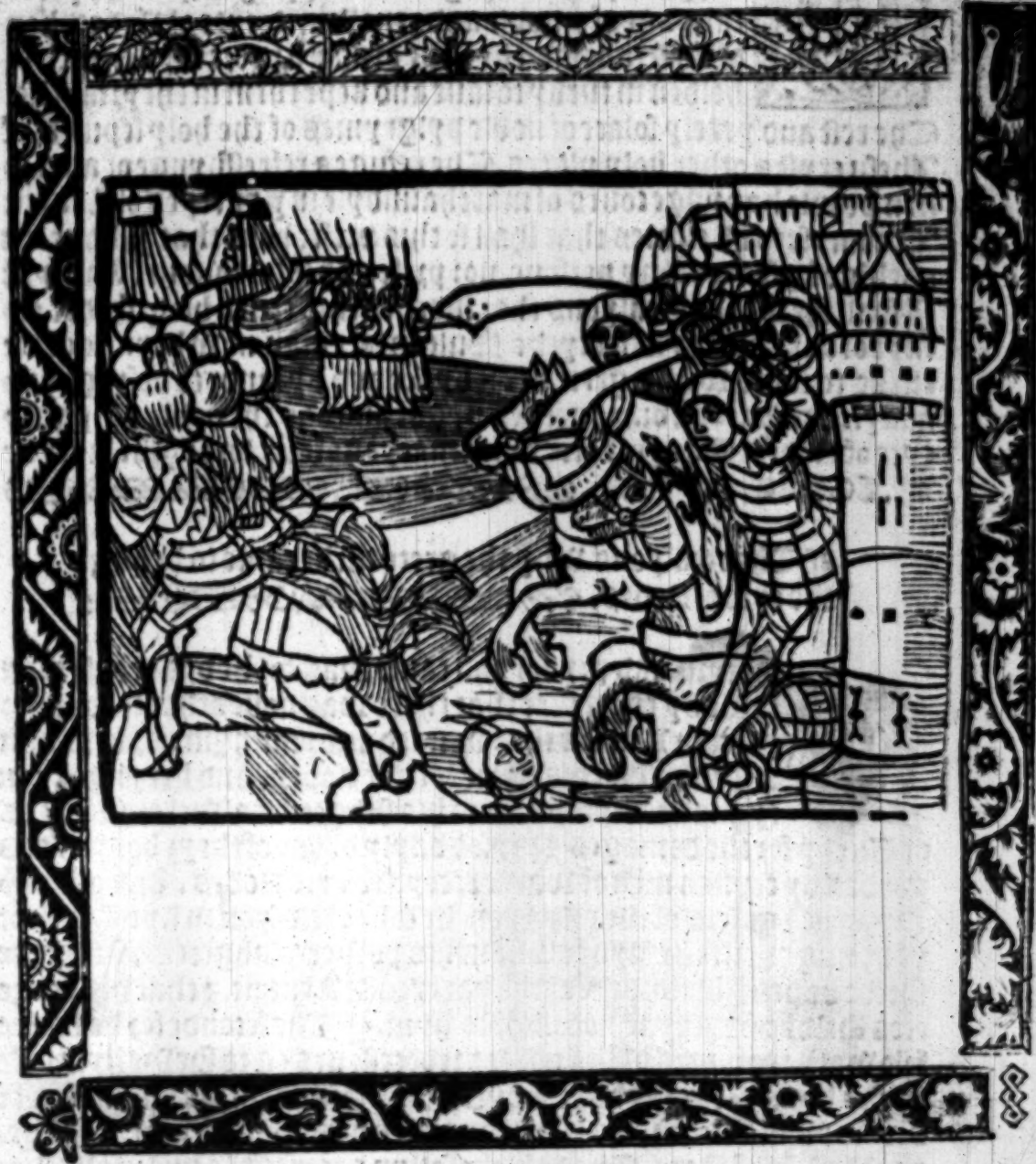
¶ Thus endeth the treatyse of the begynnynge and foundacyon of the noble ordre of the knyghtes hospytallers of Iherusalem.



¶ Here foloweth the spege / cruell oppugnacyon / and lamentable takynge of the cyte of Rodes.









Wyllynge faythfully to Wypte and reduce in berpte hy  
stor p all the grete spege/ cruell oppugnacyon/ & ppteo  
takynge of p noble and renowned cyte of Rhodes/ he  
of crystendome/ the hope of many poore crysten men w  
holden in turky to saue and kepe them in the pte of the.

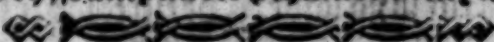
The rest and yerely solace of noble pplgrymes of the holy sepulchre of  
Jhesu cryst & other holy places. The refuge & restelhyng of all crys  
ten people haupnge cours of marchaundys in p partys of Leuant  
I promys to all estates that shall se this preser boke that I haue left  
nothig for feare of ony persone/ nor preferred it for fauour. And fyrst  
I shall shewe the occasyons that moued this cruell blodshedder en  
mye of our holy crysten saythe Sultan salyman now beyng grete  
turke to come with a grete hoost by see and by lande to besyge and  
assayle the space of. vi. monethes nyght and day the noble & myghty  
cyte of Rhodes. The yere of the incarnacyon of our lord Jhesu cryste  
M.CCCC. and xxi.

**T**he occasyons why the grete turke came to besyge  
the cyte of Rhodes.





he fyrst and pynceppall cause was for he dyde consydre &  
saue by experyence that there was none other to done nor  
place in Leuant that warred agaynst hym nor kept him  
in doubt but this poore roch of Rhodes. And herynge p con  
tynuall complayntes of his subgettes aswel of Sury as  
of Turky for the domages & pyles dayly doone of theyr bodyes and  
goodes by crysten men of warre receyued in to Rhodes. And also of p  
shyppes & galees of the relyggyon/ he toke cōclusyon in hymself that  
yf he might put the sayd towne in his power & subgection p than he  
sholde be peasyble lord of al the partys of Leuant. & that his subge  
ctes sholde complayne noo more to hym. The seconde for he wolde  
folowe the doynges of his noble predecessours/ & to shewe hym selfe  
veray heire of the myghty & victorious lord Sultan salym his fa  
der/ Wyllynge to put in execucyon the entrepryse by hym left the yere.  
M.CCCC. xxi. The whiche salym grete turke put in all redy  
nesse his army to the nombre of CCC. sayles purposinge for to sende  
them agaynst Rhodes/ yf mortalyte had not happened in his hoste/ &  
he afterwarde by the Wyll of our lord was surpysed and taken w  
dethe. Wherfore he beyng in the latter ende of his dayes/ as some  
turkes and fals crysten men that were at this spege (shewed me) dy  
de charge by his testament/ or caused to charge his sone now beyng  
grete turke p after his deth he sholde make his two fyrst intrepyscs



And also gaue the sayd grete turke knowlege that all crysten p<sup>r</sup>fects were besy warrynge eche vpon other / & p<sup>r</sup> he sholde not doubt but p<sup>r</sup> the rebell yon lasted amonge them the tyme sholde be his without fayle / as it is seen by experyence. And for lacke of socours of euery parte / and specially of suche as myght easely haue holpe vs beyng our neyghbours / with theyr galees & men of warre. Wherfore it is now in the handes of the ennies of the crysten saythe. The whiche motions and reasons of the fals traytre vnderstande and pondered by the grete turke and his counsell it was considered of them not to lese so good occasyon and tyme. Wherfore he made extreme dyligence to rygge and apparayle many shippes & vesselles of dyuers sortes / as galeaces / galces / pallandies / tustes / and byrganynes to the nomber of. CCC. l. sayles and mo. ¶ When the p<sup>r</sup>soner that the sayd de Herall dyde sende in to Turkey had doone his commysyon he retorned in to Rhodes / wherof euery man had meruaile. And many folkes demed yll of his compynge agayne / as of a thinge vnaccustomed / blit none durst say ony thyng of the sayd de Herall of so grete authoritye and dygnite. And he cherpyshed the sayd p<sup>r</sup>soner more than he was wont to do. therfore by semynge he had well done his message / and had brought good tydynge to the dampnable & shamefull mynde of the sayd traytre de Herall. 

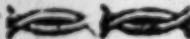
¶ How the grete turke caused the passages to be kept that none sholde bere tydynge of his hoost to Rhodes.

 He grete turke intendynge with grete dyligence to make redy his hoost bothe by see and by lande / the better to come to his purpose / & to take p<sup>r</sup> to wil vnwarely as he was aduertysed / thought to kepe his dynges as secretly as he myght. And defended that none of his subgettes sholde go to Rhodes for ony maner thinge. And in lyk wyse he toke al p<sup>r</sup> barkes and byrganynes out of the hauens and portes in those costes bycause they sholde geue no knowlege of his army. and also made to kepe the passages by lande that none sholde passe. Howbeit so grete apparayle of an army coude not be longe kept close. for the spyres p<sup>r</sup> the lord grete mayster had sent in to Turkey brought tydynge to p<sup>r</sup> castell of saynt Peter and to Rhodes / of all that was sayd & doone in Turkey. Neuerthelesse the sayd lord gaue noo grete credence to all that was brought and tolde. because that many yeres before the p<sup>r</sup>edecessours of the grete turke had made grete armies / & alwaye it was sayd p<sup>r</sup> they went to Rhodes. the whiche came to none effect. And it was holden for a moche & a by wo:de in many places that the turke wold ge

assyege Rhodes. And for this reason doubt was had of this last army,  
 & some wende that it sholde haue gone in to Cypres or to Cararo a lde  
 de of the lordshyp of Alenyce. Nowbeit the grete mayster not wyllyn  
 to be take vnwarely/ but the meane whyle as carefull & dyligent for  
 þe welth of his towne & his people/ vnderstondeynge these tpynges  
 of the turkes army/ dyde all his dylgence to repaire & strength the  
 towne. Amonge all other thynges to buyde vp & reple þe bulwarke  
 of Auergue/ & made to cleanse & make deper the dyches. And þe more  
 to cause the werke men to haste them in theyr besynesse the sayd lord  
 ouerclaue them twayne or thre euery day. 

**C**how the lord grete mayster counceylled with the lordes  
 for prouysyon for the towne. 



When the sayd reuerende lord thought to furnyshe & store  
 the towne with more vytales for the sustenance therof/  
 & for the same many tymes he spake with the lordes that  
 had the handlyng & rule of the treasure and of the expen  
 ces therof in his absence & syth his comynge. That is to  
 wyte the grete commaundour Sabz yell de pömerolles/ lyfenaunt  
 of the sayd lord. The turecopier syr Johñ Wourthe of the englyshe  
 togne. And the chaunceler syr Andz we de Aheral/ of whome is spoken  
 afore of his vntrouthe agaynst his religion. The whiche .iii. lordes  
 sayd þe sholde take no thought for it. For the towne was wel stored  
 w vytales for a grete whyle & that there was wheet ynough tyll  
 newe came in. Not withstandynge it were good to haue more of the  
 sygge were layde afore the towne. and therefore it were behoufull to  
 sende for wheet & other necessaries in to Denmant for socours of the  
 towne/ and at that tyme to puruey for euery thyng. 

**O**f the prouysyon for vytales & ordynaunce of warre.



Stouchynge the store and ordynaunce of warre þe sayd  
 lordes affirmed that there was ynough for a yere & mo  
 re wherof þe contrary was founde/ for it sayled a moneth  
 or þe cyte was yelded. It is of trouthe þe there was grete  
 store & to haue lasted longer than it dyde. but it was of for  
 ce to spende largely at the fyrst comynge of the enemyes to kepe them  
 fro comynge nere/ & fro bynginge erthe to the dyches sydes as they  
 dyde. And moreouer it is to consider the grete nobze of the/ & the po  
 wer þe was spredde rounde about þe towne/ geyng vs so many as  
 sautes & scarmysches/ in so many places as they dyde/ & by the space



of. vi. hole monethes day and nyght assaylynges that moche ordynance and store was wasted to withstande the in all poyntes. And yf it sayle idt was no meruaile. He wrote the noble lord grete mayster purveyed helyp for it. & sent Brygantynes to Lango. to the castel of saynt Peter. & to the castelles of his yle Jeracicus and Lyndofor to byngge powder and saltpeter for to strengthe the towne. but it sufficed not. And for to speke of the purveyaunce of vytayles. it was aduysed by the lord grete mayster & his. iiii. lordes that it was time to sende some shippes for wheet to places therabout or the turkes hoost were comen thider. And this to do was apoynted a shippe named the Calyenge. whose capytayne hyght Bramboys. other wysle Wolf. of the Aimaings tongue an experie man of the see. the whiche made so good dyligence that within a moneth he dyde his vyage. & brought good store of wheet fro Naples & Romany. whiche dyde vs grete conforte.

**H**ow a Brygantyne was sent to Candy for wyne. & of dyuers shippes that came to helpe the towne.



**A**fter this was mooved for to make prouision of wyne for the towne. for the men of Candy durst not sayle for to byngge wyne to Rhodes as they were wont to doo for feere of the turkes hoost.

And also they of the towne wolde sende no shyppe in to Candy for to  
ge to be taken and inclosed with the sayd hoost by the way. For wher  
some marchauntes of the towne were wyllynge to haue auentured  
themselve in a good shyppe of the relygion name the Mary for to ha  
ue laden her with wyne in Candy. But they coude not agre with  
the lordes of the treasour / & theyr lette was but for a lytell thyng.  
And all the cause came of the sayd traytour de Merral / saynyng the  
welth of the treasour. For he intended another thyng / & brake this  
good & profytable intrepyse & wyll of the sayd marchauntes / seynge  
it was noyfull to the turke / whose parte the sayd traytour helde in  
his deuplyllthe herte. That notwithstandinge the reuerent lord grete  
mayster in all chynge fro the begynnyng to the ende hath alway  
shewed his good wyll. And w all dyligence and ryght in might be res  
quysite to a souerayne capytayne & heid of warre founde other expe  
dyence / and sent a byrganyne in to Candy / in the whiche he sent a  
brother sergeaunt named Anthony of Bolus a wel spyed man and  
wyle / by his wysdome wrought so well in within a small tyme he  
brought .xv. vesselles called gypes laden w wyne & with them men  
of warre the whiche came vnder shadowe of those wyne. By cause  
the lordshyp of Candy durst lete none of theyr men go to the secour of  
Rodes for feare of the Turke. And besyde those .xv. gypes came a good  
shyppe whose capytayne & owner was a ryche yonge genylian Ve  
necian messire Johñ anthonio de Bonaldy / whiche of his good wyll  
came w his shyppe laden with .vii. C. buttes of wyne to secoure the  
towne w his persone and folkes. Whose good & lovable wyll I leue  
to thinke & consyder to the reders of this present booke. For he beyng  
purposed to haue had his wyne to Constantinople or he was infor  
med of the besynesse of Rodos / & was in the porte du Castell in Candy  
wolde not bere his bytaples to the enemyes of the sayde / but came  
out and retorned his way towarde Rodos / forgettinge any particuler  
profyte & auantage. He beyng arriued at Rodos dysharged & sold  
his wyne / whiche was a grete increas and conforte for the towne.  
And whan he had so done he presented his persone / his shyppe / & his  
folke to the reuerent grete mayster / the whiche retained hym / & set  
him in wages of the relygion. And durynge the sege the sayde ca  
pitayne behaued hym worthely in his persone. And put hym selfe in  
the places as worthy men ought to be. Spendynge his goodes lar  
ly without demaundyng any payment or recompence for his doyn  
ge of the relygion. ¶



**H**ow the corne was shorne do wne halfe rype & brought  
in to the towne to fere of the turkes hoost.



Ueynge these thynges the reuerende lord grete may  
ster sollycitlye and besy to haue euery thyng necessai  
as men and other strengthes / sent vesselles called by  
gantynes for to cause the walters of the see to come in  
to Rhodes for the keepynge and fortification of the towne.  
The whiche at the fyrst sendynge came and presented  
theyr persones and shippes to the seruyce of the religion. After þ  
the sayd lord caused to there do wne the rye of his yle / & caused it to  
be brought in to the towne. whiche was done in Apryll. And thā in  
Maye in some places he made to there þ wheet halfe rype / ho wbeit  
the moost parte was lefte in the feldes / by cause þ turkes hoost was  
comen out of þ straites of Constantynople. And doubtyng that ony  
nombre of shippes shoulde come before to take the people of þ sayd yle  
in wares / the sayd lord made them to leue the rye of wheet / and  
caused the people of the ferdest parte of the yle to come in to þ towne.  
Whyle þ the grete mayster prouyded for al thynges after þ cours  
of tyme & tydynges þ he had / there arpyed a carrache of Gene laden  
with spytery from Alexandrye / the whiche passed before the porte of  
Rhodes the viii. day of Apryll and lured at ancre at the felle. vii. or  
viii. myle fro the towne / for to knowe & here tydynges of þ turkyshe  
hoost. Than þ lord wyllynge to furnyshe þ people as moost be  
houefull for the towne sente a knyght of Brouance named syr Ana  
stase de sctā Camilla commaunders de la Troquiere to the capytayne of  
the carrache / prayenge hym to come in to þ hauen w his shyp for þ  
defence of þ towne / proferynge hym what he wolde / assuryng him  
his shippe. The capytayne excused hym sayng þ the marchaūde  
was not his owne / but belonged to dyuers marchaūtes to whome  
he must yelde accompte. Ho wbeit at the last after many wordes and  
promysse to hym made he arpyed in to þ hauen. The whiche capy  
taine was named messire Domingo de Fournati. And he in his per  
son behaued hym valyauntly in the tyme of the sayd spege. ccc

**H**ow the grete mayster caused to make general mustres. &  
sent a vessel to þ turkes nauy. of whome he receyued a letter.



After the month of Apryll þ lord mayster leyng þ the tur  
kes hoost drew nere / & that he had the moost parte of the  
walters within þ towne he caused to make generall mu  
stres of men of armes. And began at þ knyghtes / the whi

che vpon holy rode day in May made they mustres befoze the com  
myssyoners ordeyned by þ sayd lord in places deputed to che of the  
called Hulberge. The whiche comysmoners made reporte to the lord  
de that they had founde þ knyghtes in good ordre of harneys & other  
thinges necessary for warre & they aray saye and propre w crosses  
on them. Whan þ mustre of þ knyghtes was done the lord mayster  
thought to make the mustres of men of þ towne & straungers togy  
der. but his wysdome perceyued that harme sholde come therby ra  
ther than good doubtinge þ the nombze of people sholde not be so gre  
te as he wolde ordeyned to haue. Wherof the grete turke myght ha  
ue knowlege by goers & comers in to Rhodes. And therfore he caused  
them of the towne to make they mustres seuerall by bendes and co  
panyes. And the straungers also by themselves to chende that the nob  
lye sholde not be knowen. Notwithstandyng þ there was good qua  
litye of good men & well wyllinge to defende themselves. And the more  
to herty and gyue them courage & good wyll some knyghtes of the  
crosse decked they men with colours and deuysys. & toke with them  
men of the towne & straungers. And with grete noyse of trompettes  
& tomerels they made many mustres as theyge the other which  
sholde bepe best aray & ordre & haue the sayest company. It was a  
grete pleasure to se them all so wel alpyd & so well wyllinge. ¶ The  
nombze of þ men of the towne amounted & were extemed. iii. oz. iiii. &  
besyde men of the byllages þ myght be. xv. C. oz. ii. &. ¶ The. viii.  
daye of the same moneth the turkes herpunge of those wynges ma  
de a fyre for a token in a place called le Filo in the maynelonde ryght  
agaynst Rhodes. And certayne dayes afore they had made another þ  
is to wyte whan þ shyp of a knyght named Venetow went thyder  
& had with hym the clerke of the galees named Jaquesy truche man  
The whiche vnder shadowe to speke with him was with holden of the  
turkes. For þ grete turke had comaunded to take hym or some other  
man of the Rhodes to haue partye knowlege in what estate þ towne  
was than in euery thyng. And they of the towne wenyng that þ  
seconde fyre was for to deliuer Jaquesy the reuerende lord grete  
mayster sent one of his galeaces whose patron hyght messire Dony  
face of prouance to knowe the cause therof. And whan he arpyed at  
the sayd place of le Filo he demaunded of the turkes wherfore they  
had made the token of fyre. And they sayd that it was because they  
lord had sent a lette to þ grete mayster. but as yet it was not come  
& despyed hym to tary tyll it were brought. The patron as ware &  
wyle in the besynesse of the see thought in hymself that the turkes  
made suche prolongyng to some euill intent or to surpysle his vessel  
beyng alone. Wherfore he bade them gyue hym þ lette lyghtly or



elles he wolde go his way / & neyther carry for lettre nor other thys ge  
 & tolde them of the euyl and byshonest dede þ they had doene the day  
 yes afore to wirchholde the clerke vnder they? wordes & sauftoduyt.  
 And therwith he royned his galeace to haue gone away. The turke  
 seynge that gaue hym the lettre, the whiche he toke. And whan he  
 was aryued at Rhodes he presented it to the lord grete mapster, whi  
 the assembled the lordes of his counceyle and made it to be redde. the  
 tenour wherof was suche as foloweth. ¶

**T**he copy of the lettre that the grete turke sent to þ  
 lord grete mapster & to the people of Rhodes. ¶

**S**ultan salyman pach, by the grace of god ryght myghty  
 emperour of Constantynople, and of hymselfe holdynge  
 bothe the lordes of Persie, Araby, Syrie, Becher, & Je  
 rusalem. Of Asye, Europe, Egypt, & of all the see lordes &  
 possessor. To the reuerende fader lord philyppe grete  
 mapster of Rhodes, to his counceylours, and to all the other cytyzys  
 grete and small gretyng. Sendynge conuenable & worthy saluati  
 ons to your reuerences. Letyngge you wyte þ we haue receyued your  
 lettres sent vnto our imperyll mageste by George your seruaunt,  
 þ tenour wherof we haue well vnderstande. And for this occasyon  
 we sende vnto you this our present commaundement to chende that  
 we wyll that ye knowe surely how by our sentence we wyll haue þ  
 yle of Rhodes for many domages & euyl dedes whiche we haue and  
 here fro day to day of the sayd place done to vs & our subgettes. And  
 ye w your good wyll shall holde it of vs & do vs obeyssaunce, & gyue  
 the cyte to myn imperyll mageste. And we were in god þ made he  
 uen & erthe, & in. xxi. of our prophetes, & by the. iiii. myslah that  
 fell fro the skyes, & by our fyrst prophete Machomet þ pf ye do vs ho  
 mage & yelde you with good wyll vpon these othes, all you þ wyll  
 abyde in the sayd place grete & small shall not neede to feere peryll nor  
 domage of myn imperyll mageste, neyther you, your goodes nor  
 your men. And who that wyll goo to ony other place with his goo  
 des and houtholde may so do. And who that wyll dwell and inhaby  
 te in ony other places vnder myn imperyll mageste may remaine  
 where the p lyke best without feere of ony persones. And pf there be  
 ony of the pryncypalles and worthy men amonge you that is so dys  
 posed we shall gyue him wages and prouysion greter than he hath  
 had. And pf ony of you wyll abyde in the sayd yle may so doo after  
 your aunceint vsages and customes and moche better. And therfore  
 pf that ye wyll accepte these our othes and intertyges sende vnto vs

B. iiii.

a man With your lettres to myn imperyall mageste. or elles knowe  
ye that we wyll come vpon you With all prouisions of warre. & the  
reof shall come as it please god. And this we do thende y<sup>e</sup> knowe  
and that ye can not saye but we haue gyuen you warnyng. And yf  
ye do not thus With your good wyll we shall reuenge & vndermyne  
your foundacyons in suche maner that they shal torne by so downe  
and shall make you slaues. & cause you to dye. With y<sup>e</sup> grace of god  
as we haue done many. And herof haue ye no doubt. Wryten in our  
court at Constantynople the fyrst day of the moneth of June.

**H**ow the turkes came to lande in the yle of Lango & were  
dreyuen to the y<sup>e</sup> shypes agayne by y<sup>e</sup> pryncer of saynt Gyles.

**W**han the lord grete mayster & his counsell had herde y<sup>e</sup>  
tenour of the lettre they wolde gyue none answer to y<sup>e</sup>  
grete turke. But that he sholde be receyued With good  
strokes of artyllery. So y<sup>e</sup> to a solyche demaunde beho  
ued none answer. And it was to beleue y<sup>e</sup> he wolde no  
ne haue. For. vi. dayes after y<sup>e</sup> was the. xiii. day of the sayd moneth  
of June the byrgantynes that went towarde Syo to knowe of the  
sayd army came agayne & sayd that of a trouche the sayd army was  
comynge. And that nygh to Lango an yle of the reylggon a. C. myle  
fro Rhodes they had seen and tolde. xxx. sayles that were moost parte  
gallees & fustes. The whiche vesselles set men on lande in the yle of  
Lango. Than y<sup>e</sup> pryncer of saynt Gyles messire p<sup>r</sup>e John de Bidour  
comaunder of the sayd place tarped not longe fro horsbacke With his  
knyghtes and people of the yle. And he mette so wel With the turkes  
that he droue them to the y<sup>e</sup> shypes. and slewe a certayne nombre  
of the. & of y<sup>e</sup> syde of p<sup>r</sup>e John some were hurte. & his hors was slay  
ne. Whan the enmyes were entered in to the y<sup>e</sup> galleys they went to a  
place called castell Judeo on mayne lande betwene y<sup>e</sup> sayd yle of Lan  
go and the castell of saynt Peter. ~~~~~

**H**ow parte of the nauy and army of the grete turke  
came before the cyte of Rhodes. ~~~~~

**T**he. xlii. day of the sayd moneth of June these. xxx. galleys  
went fro the sayd place. & passed by the cape of Crpon en  
terynge the gulfre of Cypres betwene Rhodes & were dysco  
uered fro the shade of the hyll of Malaco a castell in the yle  
of Rhodes. On the morowe they came out of the gulfre by  
playne day. & saylinge alonge by the costes they entered in to a haven



on mayne loude called Malfata where they abode thre dayes. Than they wēt fro thens & retoined to the goulfre of Epymes / where they abode. ii. dayes & ii. nyghtes.

**T**he. xliii. day of the same moneth they yssued out of Epymes & trauersynge the chanell they came to the yle of Rhodes in a place before a castell called faues / & they went to lande & bent a grete felde of corne the same day / whiche was the feest of saynt Iohn baptyst our patron. The garde of a castell named Abito in the yle of Rhodes dyscouered & spied the grete hoost / & in grete haste brought worde to þe lordes mayster / & sayd þe sayd hoost that was in so grete nōbre of sayles þe they myght not be nōbred was entered in to the goulfre of Epymes. The. xxx. sayles that lay in the yle arose in the nyght and went to the sayd hoost in the goulfre.

**T**he. xlii. day of June þe sayd grete hoost arose & went out of Epymes an houre after the sonne rysynge / & trauersynge the chanell they came to a place called la fosse. viii. myles fro the towne. And the. xxx. fyrst sayles toined backe towarde the cape of saynt Martyn & other places to wathe for shippes of crysten men / yf ony passed by to Rhodes. The grete hoost abode styll tyll noone or one of the clocke & than arose / not all / but about. lxxx. or a. C. shippes / as gallees / galleaces / and fustes / and passed one after another before the towne & hauen of Rhodes. iii. myles of / & came to a shoure in a place nygh to lande called Derambolyn. vi. myle fro the towne. In the whiche place þe sayd hoost abode fro þe tyme to the ende of that unhappy syege.

**T**he nombze & names of the vesselles þe came to besyge Rhodes.

**T**he nombze of the shippes were these. xxx. galleaces / a. C. & iii. Gallees / as well bastardes subtile mahonnets. xv. rassaours / xx. fustes. lxxiii. grete shippes. vi. or. vii. gallions / & xxx. galleres / besyde þe nauy þe wayted for cryste men yf ony came to socour vs. These were the vesselles þe came at the fyrst to lay the syege. And syth þe sayd hoost came out of Derambolyn there came fro Smyrre. xx. other sayles / as well gallees as fustes. And many other shippes came lych and ioyned with þe sayd army in tyme of the sayd syege. And it was sayd that there was. iiii. C. sayles and mo.

**T**he same day þe parte of the hoost came to þe sayd place the reuerent lord grete mayster ordeyned a byggant pue so sende in to Bonant to certifyr our holy fader þe pope & the crysten prynces how þe turkes army was afoze Rhodes. And in þe sayd vessel he sent. ii. knyghtes / one a frenchman named syr Claude d'arboville called villiers / & a sir Loys d'acboigne a spanyerd. & they wēt to þe pope & to the pour.

**A**fter the compng of the turkes nauy in to the sayd place, it was  
 xiii. or. xiiii. dayes or they set on y ordynauce on londe grete or small  
 or descndyng of ony quantyte of men. Wherof we marueyled. And  
 it was tolde vs by some that came out of the campe, & also by spyres  
 the lord grete mayster had sent abode arayed as turkes that they  
 abode the comaundement of the grete lord, & yll the hoost by lan  
 de were comen in to the campe. Howbeit there came some nombre for  
 to be we the to wne. but they went pryncely for the ordynauce of the  
 to wne shot without cease. **A**ll this whyle sh galces and galaces  
 went and came to lande byngyng bytyle and people. At the whi  
 che shypes passinge nygh the towne was shot many strokes with  
 bombardes whiche made some slaughter of our enmyes. And whan  
 the moost parte of them was past they began to set ordynauce on  
 londe with grete diligence. Than the lord grete mayster departed  
 fro his palays, & lodged hym nygh a chyrche called La byctoys, by  
 cause that place was moost to be doubted. and also that at the other  
 syde the gretest besynesse and assaut was there.

**H**ow the lord grete mayster made his preyen before  
 the ymage of saynt Johan, & offered hym sh keyes of sh to wne.

**T**he day before were made many pcedyracions & sermons  
 & the last was in sh chyrche of saynt John baptyst. Whan  
 the sermon was done a pontyfical masse was celebrare  
 with all solempnytees, & all the rythes taken de wne, and sh  
 lord grete mayster & all his knyghtes w grete deuccion &  
 reuerence herde it. And whan sh masse was ended the lord grete may  
 ster made a pyteous oration or prayer before saynt John baptyst his  
 protectour. & aboue all other wordes whiche were so longe to tell he  
 besought hym mekely sh it wolde please hym to take sh keyes of my  
 serable cyte. The whiche keyes he presented & layde vpon the alter  
 before the ymage, beschynge saynt John to take the keyng and  
 protection therof, & of all the religion, as by his grace he had gyuen  
 to hym vnworthy sh gouernynge vnto sh day. And by his holy grace  
 to defende the fro the grete power of enmyes sh had besyged them.

**H**ow the women slaues wolde haue set fyre in the towne.  
**T**he viii. day of July it was knowen sh the turkyshe women  
 byng slaues & seruantes in many houses of sh to wne had  
 apoynted to set fyre in the maysters houses at the fyrst assaut that  
 sholde be made, to thende sh the men sholde leue the postes & defens  
 tes to go and saue the houses and goodes. And it was founde that



a woman of Marchopota beyng a slaue was fyrst mooued therof/  
the whiche was taken & put to execution. ¶ The same day some of  
our men went out for to scarmy the with the turkes & many of them  
were slayne with shot of our artyllery & of our men but one.

¶ How the turkes layd theyr artyllery about the towne  
& of the maner & quantyte of theyr pyeces and gonshot.

**T**he .xvii. day of July for the begynnynge & fyrst daye they  
set vp a mantellet vnder þ which they put .iii. oz. .iiii. mea  
ne pyeces as sacres / wherwith they shot agaynst þ poste  
of Englonde & Prouaunce. But the mantellet was soone  
broken and cast doone & theyr pyeces destroyed with the  
shotte of the wall / and they that shot them were moost parte slayne.  
As this fyrst mantellet was broken by the grete & innumerable peo  
ple that they had they set all theyr ordynaunce on londe / and carpyd  
it to the places where it sholde be bent / or nygh therby.

¶ And the .xxix. day of the same moneth they set vp .ii. ether mantel  
lettes. One besyde a chyrche of saynt Colme & dampan / and another  
towarde Donnastir. And fro these mantellettes they shot grete pyeces  
as serpentynes / double gonnes / & grete bombardes agaynst þ Wal  
les of Englonde & Spayne. To the whiche mantelletes the ordynad  
ce of the towne gaue many grete strokes / & often brake them. And þ  
more to greue the towne and to ferre by they set vp many other man  
tellets in dyuers places / almost rounde about the towne. & they we  
re rekened .lxxx. The whiche nobre was well lesed by the grete qua  
ntyte of strokes of artyllery shot out of the towne fro many places.

¶ The artyllery of the turkes was such as foloweth.

**F**yrst there was .vi. grete gonnes canonnes percyers of brasse  
that shot a stone of .iii. fote and a halfe. Also there was .xv. pye  
ces of pyen that shot stones of .v. oz. .vi. spannes. Also there was .xiii.  
grete bombardes þ shot stones of .xi. spannes about. Also there was  
xii. baselyfkes / wherof they shot but with .viii. that is to wyte .iiii.  
shot agaynst the poste of Englonde and Spayne / and .ii. agaynst the  
gate of Italy / the other .ii. shot stymme agaynst saynt Aycolas toure  
Also there was .xv. double gonnes castynge to voles as baselyfkes.  
The meane shot as sacres / and passuolans were in grete nobre. The  
handgonshot was innumerable & incredible. Also there was .xii. pot  
gonnes of brasse þ shot by warde. wherof .viii. were set behide þ chyr  
che of saynt Colme & dampan / & .ii. at saynt Iohn de la fountayne to  
warde þ poste of Italy / & the other .ii. afore þ gate of Auvergne / the  
which were shot night & day. & there was .iii. sortes of the wherof þ

greatest were of vi. or vii. spannes about. And þe sayd stenes were cast  
in to the towne to make murdre of people. Whiche is a thyng be tray  
inhumayne & ferefull. Whiche maner of shotynge is lytell bled amo  
ge trylen men. Howbeit by euydent myracle thanked be god þe sayd  
pyeces dyde no grete harmes and so we not past. xxiij. or. xxv. per so  
nes: and the moost parte women & chylde. And they began to sho  
te w the sayd pyeces fro the. xij. day of the same moneth vnto þe ende  
of August. And as it was accompted they shot. ii. or. iij. tymes oʒ fewe  
mo oʒ lesse. ¶ Than þe enemyes were warned by the Jewes that wrote  
re lettres to them of all that was done and sayd in the towne, that þe  
sayd potgonnes dyde no harme. Wherfore they were angry, for they  
wende that they had slayne the thyrd parte of our people. and they  
were coufused by hym to leue that shotynge. for it was but tyme  
lost & powdre waste, and than they shotte nomore w them. It is of a  
trouthe that they shot w the sayd potgonnes. xii. or. xv. tymes w  
bowles of brasse oʒ toper full of wyld fyre, and whā they were in þe  
ayre they flammed, and in fallynge on the grounde they brake, and  
the fyre came out and dyde some harme. But at the last we knewe þe  
malice therof, and the people was ware fro comynge nere to them,  
and therfore they dyde hurte no mo folke.

¶ How the cappytaine Gabryell martyningo came to the  
secour of Rhodes. And all þe schlaues in daunger to be slayne.

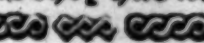


He. xxiij. day of the same moneth a byrgantyne arpyud þe  
was sent afore in to Candy, wherin came a worthy cappy  
taine named Gabryel martyningo w ith two other cappy  
taines. And there wet to receyue him messire prou Johan  
prouour of saynt Eyles, and the prouour of Nauarre. Thā  
after his honourable receyuyng as to hym well aperteyned they  
brought him before the lord grete mayster, that louyngly receyued  
hym, and he was gladly seen and welcomed of the people, as a man  
þe was named be tray wyle and ingenyous in feates of warre. Than  
came a Spanyarde renegate fro the host, that gaue vs warnynge of  
all that was doone in the felde, and of the approchynge by the tren  
ches that our enemyes made. ¶ And in lyke wyle there arose a grete  
noyse in the towne that the schlaues turkes that wrought for vs in þe  
dyches had slayne the þe keepers & wolde haue fledde, whiche was  
not so. Neuerthelesse the rumour was grete, and they rage alarme,  
Wherfore the sayd schlaues comynge to prysen as it was ordeyned in  
all the alarmes were met of þe people whiche in grete angre put the  
to verthe, so that there was slayne a. C. and mo the same day. And yf



it had not ben that the lord grete mayster made to cry þ none sholde hurte them they had ben all slayne & there was .xv. C. of them / the whiche slaues dyde grete seruyce in tyme of the spege. for they laboured dayly to make our defences, & to cast erthe out of the dyches & in all werkes they were necessary at our nedes.

**H**ow the grete turke arpyed in persone before Rhodes

**T**he .xxv. day of þ sayd moneth many of our men went out for to scarmyshe in þ selde & made grete murdre of turkes & in lyke wyse dyde our artyllery. And it is to be noted þ the .xxviii. day of the same moneth the grete turke in person passed le fisco a haven in the mayne londe with a galei & a fuste and arrived about noone there as his army lay / the whiche day may be called unhappy for Rhodes. for his comynge / his presence and contynual abydyng in the selde is & hath ben cause of the byctory that he hath had. whan the galei that he came in was arpyed all the other shyppes of the hoost hanged banners a losse in theyr toppes & on theyr sayle perdes. **S**oone after that the turke was arpyed he went to lande & mounted on his hors & rode to his pauly on whiche was in a hygh place called Megalandra. iiii. o. v. myles fro the towne out of the daunger of the gonne shot. And on þ morowe as it was reported to vs he came to a chyrche nygh the towne called saynt Steuen for to be we þ towne & fortresses / there as they had set by mantelletes for to lay theyr ordynaunce. 

**T**he last day of July one of our byrgantynes went out with a good copany of men arayed as turkes / & some of them coude speke turkysshe / & went by nyght to lande through the turkes hoost and demaunded yf there were ony that wolde passe ouer in to Turky that they sholde haste them to come. The turkes weninge that they had ben of Turky there entered a .xii. persones / þ whiche were hidde co Rhodes. by whome we knewe what they dyde in the selde.

**T**he fyrst day of august þ capytayne Gabryell martynyngo was made knyght of the ordre of the religien by the lord grete mayster / & was made the fyrst auncient of the yralpen tongue of the fyrst basylage or priory þ sholde be bacant. And in the meane season the relys gyon sholde gyue hym .xii. C. butates for penyon euery yere / and þ same day he was receyued to the counsell in þ towne of a baptyse.

**T**he .v. day of the sayd moneth our mayster gonner was slayne w a gonne / whiche was grete losse for vs at that tyme.

**T**he .xv. day of the sayd moneth was knowen & taken for a traye

C. i.

four melle Jofeph baptista the phyficyen aforefayd. Whiche confef-  
fed his euill & deuyllifhe doynges, and had his heed ftricken of.

**O**f the meruaylous bylles þ the turkes made afore þ  
to wne / & how the capytaynes were ordred in þ trenches.

**A**fter the compnye of the grete Turke the cumpys began  
to fhoote w ordynaunce of another foote than they dyde be-  
fore / & fpecially with harbulles and handgonnes / & alfo  
to make the trenches and approches. And alfo they dy-  
de more dyligence than afore to bynge the crite nygh þ  
to wne with fpades and pycales. And it is to wyte þ they moued þ  
er the from half a myle of. And there was fhot out of the to wne innu-  
merable ftrokes with ordynaunce agaynft the fayed crite / & innu-  
merable quantyte of people hyd behynde þ fayed crite were fayne. As  
uertheleffe they neuer left workynge tyll they had brought it to the  
byrnes of the dyches. And whan it was there they replid it byer &  
byer in ftrengthynge it behynde. And in conclufion the fayed crite  
was byer than the walles of the to wne by .x. or .xii. fote / & it fymd  
a byll. And it was agaynft the gate of Auuergne & Spayne / & bette  
our men that were at the gates & bulwarke in fuche wyfe that nos-  
ne durft be fene tyll certaynes defences & repayres were made of pla-  
kes & bordes to couer our people and kepe them fro þ fhotte. And at þ  
gate of Italy was made fuche another hepe / & in none other parte.  
**W**han the trenches were thus made to the dyches þ cumpys ma-  
de holes in the walles of þ dyche outwarde. Wherthorowe they fhot  
infynytely with handgonnes to our men as well on þ walles as on  
the bulwarke & fawe many of them. Than the bachas & capytay-  
nes entred into the trenches / eche to his place after the byr ordred & by-  
gnyte. That is to wyte Gonfola bacha as cheif capytayne entred  
the trence dyct to the bulwarke of Englonde w his people and ca-  
pytaynes vnder hym. Pery bacha went to the trenches agaynft þ  
gate of Italy w his folkes & capytaynes vnder hym. Armech bacha  
was in the trenches of Auuergne & Spayne with Lagat des genil  
fayres & le Beglarby of Romany with hym. Le Beglarby de la Ro-  
culia was in the trenches of Drouaunce. Alibey was with his com-  
pany agaynft the gardyns of fayne Anthony of þ bende of tranfmon-  
tayne and dyuers other capytaynes with hym / & fet his ordynaun-  
ce agaynft the wall of the gate of Almayne whiche was but weyke  
and fet by .vii. mantellets by the mylles towarde Donnant. And by  
the fpace of .viii. or .ix. dayes they bette vpon the fame wall / whiche  
put vs in grete feare yf they had contynued. Howbeit the noble lord



grete mayster forthw caused to make repayres within & to set plans  
kes and tables to fortify the sayd weyke walle. And abode there fro  
the mornynge tyll nyght to cause it to be the more hastid. The artyl  
lery of the gate of Almayne & le Massys of the gate of the campe & of  
the palays bet so sore and so often vpon the sayd mantelletes p it wes  
cyed the enemyes to make and repaire them soo often & they toke by  
the pyeces and bare them away. And also they coude not well beate  
the sayd walle bycause p bymnes of the dyche wout was almost  
as hye as the walle that they bette. But o they bare the artyllery  
away they bette the steple of saynt Johis church so p the moost par  
te was broken & cast do wne. The forsayd mantellets were poynted  
to beate saynt Nicolas toure & by p space of x. or. xii. days they shot  
sore agaynst it. But they had so sharpe and bygorous answer that  
there was not one matellet that abode hole an houre. The capytayn  
ne of the sayd toure and his folke dyde suche dyligence & besynesse in  
shotynge of they pyeces that the enemyes durst set by no mo mantel  
lettes by day nor shotte nomore but onely by nyght whyle p moone  
dyde shyne. Whiche is a thyng worthy of memoery of meruayle &  
of prayse. At the laste whan they had beaten agaynst the sayd toure  
a certayne tyme seynge that it forthered nothyng they toke they  
ordynaunce fro thens and bare it where they semed best. ¶ But yus  
the shot in the sayd place the other capytaynes were not ydle nor in  
a slepe but without cease nyght & day they bette the wall of Englon  
de and Spayne & had set. xiii. mantellets agaynst it shotinge grete  
bombardes wherof some of the stones were. v. or. vi. spannes about  
and some other of. ix. or. x. And within a moneth & lesse they had caste  
do wne the walle almost euen smothe w the barbycan. And whan p  
sayd walle was so beaten they set to beate the bulwarke of Spayne  
for to reyle the defences. And in they trenches they set. iii. grete bom  
bardes whiche shot stones of. xi. spannes of thyekenesse. And with p  
sayd pyeces they bette the sayd bulwarke and wall in suche wyse p  
they made grete brackes and the stones & erthe that fell serued p en  
myes for ladders so that they might come vpon the playne grounde  
In lyke wyse they reyled the defences fro the heygth of the bulwar  
ke at the poste of Brouaunce & set. iii. grete pyeces on the bymme of  
the dyche whiche shot stones of. xi. spannes agaynst the walle and  
within a whyle they made a bracke as at the poste of Spayne. The  
artyllery of the towne dyde shotte without cease agaynst the mantel  
lettes and brake many of them but they made other as it is sayd in  
the nyghtes. For they had al thyng that belonged to them & neded.  
And out of the poste of Englonde was shotte a gonie that brake do w  
ne one of the sayd mantelletes and hitte vpon one of the pyeces and

flewe.iiii.oz. b. men and bare a way bothe the legges of the mayster  
 of the ordynance/whiche dyed soone after. Wherof the grete Turke  
 was very yll content/and sayd that he had leuer to haue loste one of  
 his bachas or capytaynes than the sayd mayster. Also it is to be kno  
 wen that there was.iii.oz.iii. mantellets adressed agaynst y playne  
 grounde of Italy/and by contynuall beateynge of shot that they mas  
 de there was also a bracke. And by the erth and stones that was fal  
 len they myght come vp to it.

Of the polptyke repayres and defences that the inuens  
 tyf capytayne Gabryell Martyningo made within the  
 towne agaynst the brackes in the Walles.



He capytayne Gabryell Martyningo prompt/dyligēt &  
 experte to gyue remedies to y nedefull places forthwith  
 made to make the trauerles vpon the wall wher as the  
 bracke was w good repayres & gonnes small and grete/  
 whiche were set in the sayd trauerles. The whiche onely  
 shot not at y brackes but to the trenches & made grete murdre of en  
 myes as wel at the assautes y they made as euery day. And besyde  
 the trauerles the sayd capytayne made to lay smal artyllery as hac  
 bushes & handgonnes vpon certayne houses win the towne. y nos  
 de open agaynst the bracke with good repayres. And fro y place gre  
 te slaughter of turkes was made at the assautes. Also it is of trouth  
 that besyde the sayd mantelletes that shot agaynst the wall of En  
 glonde and Spayne with grete bombardes were two mantellets  
 in a hye place to warde the way to the gardyn of Maupas in y whi  
 che were certayne double gonnes as baselyskes with holowe stones  
 & wyld fyre in them/whiche shotte agaynst the wall in to y towne  
 at all auentures for to make murdre of people. Howbeit thanked be  
 god it dyde no grete harme but to y houses. After these grete and  
 terrible beateynge/and that the enemyes had way to mounte vpon  
 the towne walles & come to hande with vs by trauerlyng of the y  
 trenches to the fallen erth within the bracke more surely & without  
 hurte of our gonshot/shot ynge through holes y they made in y wal  
 les of the dyche without/they kest by moche stone & erthe bycause it  
 sholde couer them fro the shot of the bulwarke of Auvergne. And also  
 they shot feruently agaynst the bulwarke of Spayne for to reple y  
 defences/of the whiche at the last they repled the moost parte/reple  
 ynge onely a fewe gonners alove in the myne of the sayd bulwars  
 ke/whiche ytell or nothynge damaged them. And this is touchyn  
 ge the gonshot wherof I say not y they de parte/bycause it is a thyn



ge meredyble to them that hath not seen it. For some dayes they shot  
with those grete bombardes that were on the brymme of the dyche  
and fro p mantelletes bent agaynst the walle of Englonde & Spay  
ne. xx. or. xxx. tymes and mo. And I beleue verily that syth the crea  
cyon of the world such artillery and so grete quantyte was neuer  
hent and layde befoze only to done as hath ben agaynst Rhodes at this  
spege. Wherfore it is no meruaile yf the walles ben and haue ben be  
ten downe and yf there be brackes & clyffes in many places.

¶ There foloweth of the mynes that the turkes made. And  
how they ouerthrew the parte of p bulwarke of Englonde.

**A**nd because as it is sayd afore that the gretest hope that  
the enmyes had to gete the towne of Rhodes was by my  
nyng. Therfore now after that I haue spoken of p gon  
not & beatynges I shall shew of the mynes p the turks  
made. the whiche were in so grete quantyte & in so many  
places that I beleue the thyrde parte of the towne was myned. And  
it is soude by accompt made that there was about. lx. mynes. Now  
beit thanked be god many of them came not to effecte. by occasyon of  
the couermynes that they win made. and also trenches p the ryght  
prudent lorde p grete mayster made to make depe within p dyches.  
vnto. ii. or. iii. fote of the water. The whiche trenches and certayne  
pyttes that he had made in the sayd ditches to be wrought or p hoost  
at pured serued ryght well syth. For nyght and daye there was men  
in them to watche and herken when the enmyes myned. for to mete  
them and cut theyr way. as was doone many tymes. ¶ And for to  
speke of the mynes that had effecte and damaged vs. it is to wyte p  
the fourth daye of Septembre about. iiii. houres after noone the en  
myes put fyre in. ii. mynes. one was betwene the poste of Spayne  
and Juuergne. whiche dyde no hurt but to the barbican. The other  
was at the bulwarke of Englonde that was so fell and stronge that  
it caused moost parte of the towne to shake & kest downe a grete par  
te of the sayd bulwarke at the spyng of the day. And by the erthe &  
stones that fell in to the dyches the enmyes came vpon the bulwar  
ke with theyr baners. & fought sore & myghtyly with our men. not  
with handes but with shot of handgonnes. The lorde grete mayster  
that was come. xv. days or more with his socours to p sayd bulwar  
ke. went with his company to helpe them that fought. After p they  
had foughten the space of. ii. or. iii. houres. the enmyes repulld and  
druen backe by our men fro the sayd bulwarke. and beaten with or  
dynaunce on every syde. with dyde them with theyr losse. shame. and  
C.iii.

damage. And this was the fyrr byctory that our lord gaue vs. and  
 there abode of our enemyes a. viij. and mo. ¶ When this assault was  
 doone they made another at the bracke in the walle of Spayne and  
 mounted vpon it. But the ordynance of the trauctes of the walles  
 and of the houses made so fayre a rydwyner þ they were ryght fay-  
 ue to withdraue them: for at the stret & also at theyr comynge the  
 sayd ordynance of the bulwarke dyde thim grete damage. albeit þ  
 they had made some repaire of erthe. Of our men dyed that day. x. v.  
 or therabout. as well knyghtes as other. And the same day in þ mor-  
 nyng departed out of this worlde Gabyell de Damerolles lycutes  
 naunt to the lord mayster. Whiche on a certayne daye before fell fro  
 the walle as he went to se þ trenches in the dyches & hurt his breste  
 & for laute of good attendaunce he fell in a fruct wherof he dyed.

¶ How the turkes assailed the bulwarke of Englonde  
 and how they were byuen away.




¶ The. ix. day of the sayd moneth at. vii. in the mornynge the  
 enemyes put fyre in. ii. mynes. One at þ poste of prouasis-  
 ce. Whiche had none effect. The other was at the bulwar-  
 ke of Englonde whiche felled an other pyccenygh to that  
 þ was casten doune afore. And þ sayd myne was as fyers  
 as the other or more. for it semed that al the bulwarke went do-  
 ne. & almost all they þ werem it ran away. And when the standar-  
 de of the relygion came in to the sayd bulwarke the enemyes were at þ



blacke rebv to haue entred. But when they sawe the sayd standar-  
 de as people loste & ouercome they went do done agayne. Then þe ar-  
 tillery of the bulwarke of Quosquino & of other places founde them  
 wel ynough & slewe many of them. Howbeit they capytaynes ma-  
 de them to retorne w grete strokes of swerdes & other weapons & re-  
 moted vpon the erthe fallen fro the sayd bulwarke & pyght. bi. ba-  
 ners nygh to our repayre. Then our men fought w moze pyghes &  
 fpyed speres agaynst them the space of. iii. hole hours / tyl at the last  
 they beyng well braten w grete ordynaunce and small on euery syde  
 withdrew them. And of they baners our men gate one / for it was  
 not possyble to gete ony mo. for as soone as ony of our men went vp  
 on our repayres he was slayne with small gonnes of the trenches / &  
 holes made in the walles of our ditches. And there was slayne of our  
 enemyes that day at the assaut. ii. ad. of meane men / & .iii. persones of  
 estate whiche lay dead alonge in the dyche wth sayre and reche har-  
 ners. And as it was reported to vs from the campe they were. iiii.  
 seniarboys / þ is to saye grete seneschalles or guardes. And of crysten  
 men of our parte abode about. xxx. persones. And this was the secon-  
 de victorie gync to vs by the grace of god.

How þe John bourgh turcoplyer of Englonde was  
 slayne at an assaut of the Englyshe bulwarke.


 He. xlii. day of the same moneth about mydday the enemy-  
 es came agayne to geue an other assaut to the sayd bul-  
 warke at the same place as before sayd wousettinge of tyme in  
 mynes & brought. b. baners wth them nygh to þe repay-  
 res. Then was there stronge fyghtinge on bothe parties /  
 and there was gotten two of they baners / of the whiche sye Epofre  
 Aldenarc that tyme castelayne of Bodes gate one. The other was  
 in the handes of sye John bourgh turcoplyer of Englonde chye-  
 capytayne of the socours of the sayd poste of Englonde / a valiant man  
 and hardy. And in holdynge of it he was slayne with the stroke of a  
 handgonne whiche was grete damage. The sayd banner was reco-  
 uered by one of our men. And after longe fyghtinge on bothe sydes þe  
 enemyes seynge that they gate nothynge but streyes returned in to  
 they trenches. At þe sayd tyme þe lord pypour of saynt Gyles þe John  
 was hurte thurgh the necke w a handgonne / & was in grete daun-  
 ger of deathe / but he escaped and was made hole. The same day & the  
 same houre of the sayd assaut the enemyes mounted to the blacke in  
 the walle of Spayne / and came to the repayres to the handes of our  
 men and fought a grete whyle. But the grete quantyte of artillery

that was shot so besyly and so sharpey from our trauctres on eche syde / & out of the bulwarke of Auvergne & Spayne scamplyd the so well that there abode as many at that assaule as at þ other of Englonde well nere to the nombre of. v. M. And they wold we the ym w they grete losse and confusyon / Whiche was the thyrde tyme þ they were chased & ouercome thanked be our lord / Whiche gaue vs þ force & power so to do / for they were by reason a. C. agaynst one.

Also the. xxi. daye of the same moneth of Septembre they syged a myne by Wene Italy and Prouaunce / Whiche dyde no harme.

### Of the terryble myne at the poste of Auvergne.

**A**d the. xxiii. day of the same moneth they syged. ii. mynes one at þ poste of Spayne / & the other by the bulwarke of Auvergne. the Whiche myne by Auvergne was so terryble þ it made all the towne to quake / & made the walle to open fro aboue to beneth vnto the playne grounde. Howbeit it fell not / for the myne had sprall oʒ by the in. ii. places / by one of the countremynes / & by a Rocke vnder the barbycan / the Whiche dyde cleue / & by that clyft the furour & myght of the myne had yssue. And yf the sayd. ii. spralles had not ben þ walle had be touned by so do wne. And for trouth as it was reported to vs out of the campe the enemyes had grete hope in the sayd myne / wenyng that the walle shold haue be ouerthrowen / & than they myght haue entred in to þ towne at the y pleasures. But whan they sawe the contrary they were yght yll pleased. And the capytaynes delibered them to giue assaule at. iiii. places at ones to make vs the more adoo / & to haue intrasce in to þ towne by one of the. iiii. And the sayd day & night they ceased not to shote artyllery. & there came in hope of the myne. lx. M. men and mo in to the trenches.

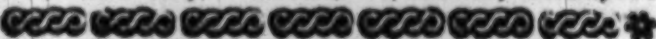
### How the bulwarke of Spayne was loste / & wonne agayne.

**T**he. xxiiii. day of þ same moneth a lytell before daye they gaue assaule at the bracke of Spayne / to þ bulwarke of Englonde / to þ poost of Prouaunce / & at the playne grounde of Italy / all at one houre & one tyme. The fyrst þ moued to the bracke of Spayne was La gat des genissayres a valyaunt man & of grete courage w his coppany / & bare. lx. oʒ. lxx. baners & sygnes / & pyght them in þ crthe of the bracke / & than saught w our men / & moued on our repayres makinge other maner offray & more rygourous than þ other that were passed / and þ sayd medlynge lasted about. vi. houres. And forthw as the assaule was gyuen a grete soyte of turkes entred in to þ bulwarke of



Spayne and set bp. viii. or ix. sygnes or baners vpon it / & droue our men out / I can not tell how / vnwares or other wyse. And they were lordes of it. iii. houres & more. Howbeit there was of our men beneth in the myne of the sayd bulwarke. the whiche bulwarke so losse gaue vs euyl hope. But incontynent the lord grete mayster being at the defence of þe poste of Englonde hauinge knowlege of the sayd losse and that there was grete fyghtinge & resystence on bothe sydes at þe bracke of Spayne marched thyder wth the baner of the crucyfyx / leuynge the charge of the sayd bulwarke in þe handes of þe baylyf de la Noce messire Dery cobant. And þe lord mounted on the wall of Spayne where as than began a grete medlinge / & euery man layde his handes to worke / as well to put the enemyes out of the bracke as to recouer the bulwarke that was losse. And the sayd lord sent a company of men in to the bulwarke by the gate of the myne / or by the bar bys can the whiche entred at the sayd gate & went vp where they founde but fewe turkes. For the artyllery of the poste of Englonde ryght agaynst þe bulwarke of Spayne had so well met & scattered them þe within a whyle our men had slayne all them þe were left. And thus the sayd bulwarke was gotten and recovered agayne / and with all dyligence were made newe repayres & strengthes to the sayd place And in lyke wyse the enemyes were put fro the bracke and fewe of the scaped / and all theyr baners and sygnes were left with vs. Surely it may be sayd that after the grace of god (the traueserses of Spayne & Auvergne / and the small artyllery set on the houses right agaynst þe sayd brackes as it is sayd / with the comynge and presence of the lord grete mayster) hath gyuen vs this iourney.

¶ To the regarde of the murdre of people done by the artyllery of þe bulwarke of Englonde and Spayne / the quantite was such that a man coude not perceyue nor se on y grounde of the dyches. And þe stench of the mastyfes carions was so greuous that we myght not suf fre it. vii. or viii. dayes after. And at the laste they that myght saue themselves dyde so / and withdrew them to the trenches. And the reuerent lord grete mayster abode bytous of the sayd place / and in lyke wyse of the other thre assautes / þe whiche were but lytell lesse than that of Spayne / for they fought longe. But in cōclusyon the enemyes beaten on al sydes / and in so many sortes with artyllery were put backe and baynquyshed that there dyed that day at all the.iii. places. xv. or xvi. M. And the slaughter was so grete at the playne of Italy of the cursed enemyes that þe see was made red with theyr blode. And on our syde also dyed to the nombere of a. C. men or moo. And of men of dygnyte in the to wne haupynge charge dyed syr Frañceys de frenolz commaundour de la Romaygne / whiche syr Frañceys

Was chyfcapptayne of the grete myppe of Rhodes / and he was slayne at the playne of Italy / wounded with .ii. strokes of harbulles / it was grete domage of his dethe for he was a worthy man / parfyte and full of vertues. There dyed also messire Mastay de lanca Camell afore named hauynge a .C. men vnder him of þe grete maysters socours. There dyed also dyuers other worthy men that daye / & many were maymed. Amonge all other that lost ony membre messyre Johñ de le touz called Dradynes / beyng at the sayd bulwarke with a stroke of artyllery had his arme smyten away in grete daunger to haue lost his lyfe / howbeit by the helpe of god he dyed not. In lyke wyse the same day was hurte syr Wyllyam Weston abouesayd capptayne of the poste of Englonde / & had one of his fyngers stryken away with a harbulle. Whiche knyght behaued hym ryght worthely at all the assautes. Of the turkes parte of grete men were twopenyng all capptaynes slayne vnder Agat des genissaires / and another capptayne that was come out of Surrey to the campe certayne dayes before with .vi. C. Camelukes / and .ii. C. .iii. M. Moores. And of them that were hurte of grete men le Beglar by de la Motilla had a stroke with an arowe as he was in the trence of Mouance. And many other were wounded whose names be not rcherled here bycause of shortnesse. 

How the grete turke for angre that he coude not gete the towne wolde haue put his chyfcapptayne to dethe / & how they made .xi. mynes vnder the bulwarke of Englonde.





**D**yrnge this assaut the grete turke was by his pauply on in a place that he had caused to be made / & sawe al the bekenesse / & how his people were so sharply put backe / & the iourney loste on his syde he was very soze dyspleased and halfe in dyspeyre. And sent for Monsiofa bacha with whome he was angry / & chydde hym bytterly / saynge that he had caused hym to come thyder / & had made hym to beleue that he shold take the towne in .xv. dayes or a moneth at the best. & he had ben there all redy. iii. monethes w his army & yet had they done nothynge. And after these wordes he was purposed to cause hym suffer deathe in the campe. But the other bachas shewyd hym þ he ought not to do Justyce in the londe of his enemyes / for it sholde comfort them & gyue them courage / wherby he dyde moderate his angre & lett him for þ tyme / & thought to sende hym to Cayre lest þ people there wolde rebell / by occasyon of the capytayne of Cayre whiche dyed a fewe dayes before. Howbeit he departed not so sodaynly / & or he went he thought to assay if he myght do some thyng for to please the turke / as well for his honour as for to saue his persone. & made meruaylous dyligence to make mynes at the bulwarke of Englonde for to ouerthrowe it. And by accorde was made .xi. mynes as wel to þ sayd bulwarke as elles where / besyde them spoken of afore / & that they had fyrred But the moost parte of þ sayd mynes came to no profyte though they put fyre in them / & many were met w countremynes / & broken by our men by the good dyligence & solertitude of syr Sabryell du ches stuarde of the hous to the lord grete mayster / whiche had the charge of the sayd countremynes at the same bulwarke. In þ whiche he synesse he behaued hym well & worthely / and spared not his goodes to cause the people worke & trauayle / but spent therof largely.

**H**ow the turkes were mynded to haue gone theyr way / & of the traytours win the towne / & of many grete allantes.

**T**he turkes seyng þ by mynyng they were nothynge forthered / nor myght not come to theyr intencion / and haupng but small stoze of powderes were in delpheration & mynde to haue reysed the syege and gone theyr way. And in dede some of them made to bere theyr carriages towarde the shippes. and also certayne nombre of people went out of þ trenches with theyr standerdes streyght to þ shippes. And it was wyten to vs fro the campe how the genyllayres and other of the hooste wolde fyght nomore. and that they were almost all of one oppynion for go awayne / sauf some of the capytaynes of the foresayd Monsiofa

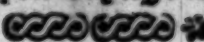
bacha or Acmek bacha. And in the meane season the fals traytours  
that were in the towne wrote lettres to the campe guyng the ym  
knowledge of all that was sayd & done amonge vs. And also an Alba  
nyti fledde to the enemyes campe & warned them not to go for þe gon  
shot was nygh wasted & that the moost parte of the knyghtes and  
people shold be theys shortly. ¶ In lyke wyse than wrote þe about  
sayd chaunceler s<sup>r</sup> Andrew de Werrall whose treason as than was  
not known. But whan it cometh to the effecte of his treason I shal  
shewe the knowledge that he gaue to the enemyes at dyuers tymes.  
¶ Whan the bachas & capytaynes of the hoost vnderstode the sayd  
warnynges they all purposed for to tary & caused those tydynges of  
the towne to be known ouer al the army. And began agayne to sho  
te artillery faster than euer they dyde for new shot was comen in  
to the campe. Than Ghonstafa bacha beyng in dyspayre þe he coude  
do no thyng by mynes by gonshot nor by assautes he beyng redy  
to departe for to go in to Surrey by the grete turkes commaundemes  
before his departyng he thought ones agayne to assaye his aduen  
ture and made.iii. assautes.iii. dayes togyder. The fyrst was on a  
laterday the.iiii. day of Octob<sup>r</sup> an houre before night. The other on  
sonday in the mornynge & the thyrde on monday after dyner. And þe  
sayd.iii. assautes were made to þe bulwerke of Englade. And it was  
assailed but w<sup>th</sup> stones and bagges full of artfpyre. And at these  
iii. assautes many of our men were hurt with the sayd fyre & with þe  
stones that came as thynke as rayne or hayle. But fynally þe enemy  
es gate nothyng but strokes & retourned in to theyr trenches euyl  
contented & murmurynge and swore by theyr Mahomet that Ghos  
tafa bacha shold not make them to mount on y more to the sayd bul  
werke. And that it was grete foly for them to make them be slayne  
at þe wyll & fantasy of one man. These wordes sayd in greke by some  
of the enemyes were herd of our men as they went do wne fro þe bul  
werke. And bycause (as it is sayd) that the enemyes at the assautes þe  
were made came vp by þe erthe and stones þe fell fro the backes some  
of our men aduysed to cleanse the barbycan & take the erthe cut of the  
dyche to the ende that the enemyes shold not easely come vpon þe wal.  
And in effect wenynge that it were well & behouefull to be done by  
grete dylygence nyght & daye by mynes they beydd þe barbycan &  
the moost parte of the erthe that lay in the dyche was brought in to  
the towne the whiche was hurtfull after warde & was cause þe  
enemyes gate the fote of the walle. Now standynge they had it but  
scarcely. But this cleansing forthered the tyme & caused them to ge  
te it sooner than they shold haue done yf the erth had lye styll. But  
theyr fynal intent was to reple the defence of the bulwerkes & than

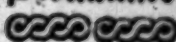


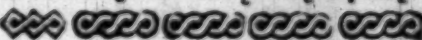
passe at theyr pleasure & entre in to the barbycan as they haue done.  
 For þe enemyes seynge þe sayd barbycan was closed they thought  
 to gete in to it by trenches and so they dyde. Howbeit they were cer-  
 tayne days letted by our hand gonne shot. The enemyes seynge that  
 they might not come here if they couered theyr trenches w<sup>th</sup> tables to  
 saue themselves. And than they made a myne wherby they might go  
 to the barbycan. So by these two meanes after þe they were repays-  
 red w<sup>th</sup> erthe and with a certayne walle þe they made for to eschewe þe  
 shotte of the bulwarke of Auvergne and Spayne. And in þe myne  
 they founde but two gonners, whiche they slewe by force of men. By  
 this maner they beyng couered on all partes & without ony dauns-  
 ge passed thorow & lepte in to the barbycan and gate the fote of the  
 walle, whiche was the .xvii. day of Octobre an unhappy daye for þe  
 poore to done and occasyon of the ruyne therof & wyngynge þe they  
 had. ¶ At this point they slept not but lyghely and w<sup>th</sup> grete dyligē-  
 ce they began to pycke & heve the walle. And we wentynge to make  
 remedy therfore & to fynde meanes to dyspue them fro þe sayd barby-  
 can with gynnes of fyre & baryles of powder wherw<sup>th</sup> we slewe ma-  
 ny of them but it avayled nothyng. For the quantyte & multytude  
 of people þe trauayled there was so grete that they cared not for losse  
 of them. And yf we had had men ynowe win the to done there might  
 haue ben remedy to haue repled them fro thens. But cōsyderynge þe  
 our force & total hope was in people wherby we left to do many thy-  
 ges þe myght haue ben doone & that sholde haue ben good than and  
 other times also for saure of men of warre. At the last it was pondered  
 by syr Gabryell martynigo that there was no remedy but to heve  
 the walle for to mete them & beate them with ordynaunce and with  
 gynnes of fyre to brenne & vndo them. Than our men began to heve  
 þe walle & made some holes to shote at the enemyes that slept not but  
 dyde as we dyde to shote at vs & in dede they slewe and hurt many  
 of our men. Than syr Gabryell martynigo ordeyned to make repay-  
 res win the to done at þe scote where they dyde cut the walle to thens  
 be that after the walles were cut þe enemyes sholde knowe to whome  
 to mete. The trauerses were made on eche side w<sup>th</sup> good artyllery gre-  
 te and small. And the sayd trauerses & repayres were of the length þe  
 the enemyes had cut the walle. & began at the massys of Spayne ma-  
 de by the reuerent lorde grete mayster Mery Damboyle & ended at þe  
 chyrche of saynt Saluador. The whiche trauerses & repayres þe bul-  
 gar people call la Mandra that is to say the felde. ¶ The meane tyme  
 þe the repayres and trauerses were made with all dyligēce syr  
 Gabryell Martynigo neuer ceased goynge to euery place to pouruey  
 for all thynges. And he beyng on þe bulwarke of Spayne to ordeyne

all thynge that was nedfull there came a stroke of a handgonne fro  
the trenches þ̄ smote out his eye / & put h̄ in daunger of his lyfe / but  
thanked be god he retorned to helthe w̄hin a moneth & a halfe. His  
hurte came euyl to passe for the neede that we had of hym that tyme  
in all thynge / & specially to the repayres of the brackes. Acuer the  
les the lord p̄poure of saynt Gyles (not ignouant in all suche thyn  
ges) With other men experte in warre intended to þ̄ sayd repayres &  
trauerles / there & elles where. The enemyes on the other syde nyght  
and day without rest for þ̄ grete nomb̄e of labourers that they had  
houerly and newe redyly / he wed and vndermyned the sayd walle.  
¶ And the .xx. day of Octob̄e they put fyre in the vndermynes we  
nynges to haue cast do wne the walle / but they coude not. Than they  
wolde haue pulled it do wne with grete ropes and ancre. But the  
artyllery of the bulwarke of Auvergne brake theȳ ropes & sent the  
away lyghtly. ¶ At the last they made a myne vnder the sayd wall  
and bracke. And the .vi. day of the same moneth they dyde put fyre to  
the same myne / wenynges to haue ouerthrowen the walle / which it  
dyde not but repeld it and made it to fall almost streyght vpyght /  
which was more dysauantage to the enemyes than profyte. Than  
they shot artyllery at it which in fewe dayes was beaten do wne / &  
they had openpuge and way to come in to the towne. Neuerthelesse  
it was not necessary for them as than to entre. For þ̄ artyllery of our  
repayres bette them in the fore parce / & the artyllery lyng at the .ii.  
mylles at the poste of Quosquino / and in that of Englonde / where as  
was a baselyske that bet ryght vpon the bracke w̄ other pieces. And  
therfore the enemyes sought other meanes / & began to reple the erth  
bet wene our two walles / drawynges to warde Englonde on the one  
syde / & to warde Auvergne on the other syde / & wolde haue cutte the  
walle ferder than our traueses were for to come in vnbraten of our  
artyllery. Than were the repayres enlarged & made more with the  
walle þ̄ was cut / of the heygth of .xii. o. .xvi. fote in b̄rde. And so the  
enemyes myght go no ferder for warde / but shotte grete artyllery as  
gaust our repayres for to breke and cast them do wne. And also they  
made trenches for to come ryght to the bracke / and vnto the repays  
res. And certaynly we looked daye by day and houre by houre for to  
haue some assaute. The reuerent lord grete mayster the whiche as  
it is sayd had lefte the bulwarke of Englonde the day that the grete  
assaute was made / and syth that tyme he moeued not fro thens as  
they he wed the walle / and there as the bracke was / bycause þ̄ they  
were the moost daungerous and the moost vnquyte places. And co  
tynually the sayd lord kepte hym behynde the sayd repayres with  
his knyghtes and men of socours / intently redy and apparayled to



lyue and dye / & to receyue his enemyes as they ought to be receyued  
And he abode. iiii. dayes at the sayd bracke contynuyng syth  
it was made vnto the ende / sythynge with his enemyes euery day  
in grete peryll of his body. For oftentimes he put hymselfe farder in  
the preece than neded / for the vnyquyetnesse of his persone. But he dy  
de it for to herten and strength the courage of his people / beynge so  
well wyllynge to defende and dye for the saythe. 

**H**ow the enemyes assailed the postes of Brouaunce &  
Italy / & how they were dyuen away. 

**B**y the wyll of our lord the enemyes alway in feare & drede  
wolde gyue none assault / but contynually shot agaynst our  
repayres / & made trenches for to passe forwarde in to the  
towne. By the whiche trenches they shot infynitly with  
habushes & handgones / and slewe many of our folke / &  
specyally of them þe wrought & made the repayres þe were broken &  
crased. And they put vs in suche extremyte that we had almost noo  
moosclaues nor other labourynge people for to repaire that þe they  
braken yght & day / whiche was a grete hyndraunce for vs & begyn  
nyng of our perdycon. And yf we had meche to do in þe place / there  
was not lesse at the gate of Brouaunce / & at the playne of Italy. For  
daily they were doynge eyther w assault or skarmyshe / & moost at þe  
playne of Italy. Howbeit by the helpe of our lord w the good condu  
ryng of the capytayne of socours of the same place the p: pour of Fla  
uarre þe was prompt and intent yf & coude well encourage his men  
the enemyes had alway the worst / and were dyuen fro þe sayd play  
ne / and fro the bracke of Brouaunce. 

**H**ow the treason of syr Andrew de Merral was knowen /  
& of the meruaylous assautes that the turkes made.


**U**pon these termes & assautes the treason of the chaunceler  
syr Andrew de Merral / of whome I spake of afore was ap  
perceyued. For a seruaunt of his named Blasy was foun  
de shotynge a quarell of a crosbowe w a lettre / wherof he  
was accused to þe lord grete mayster / whiche made to ta  
ke hym & examyn hym by Justyce / and he confessed the shot of þe let  
tre & other afore at the comaundement of his mayster. And sayd þe he  
had grete acquaintaunce w the Turkes bachas / & that it was not lo  
ge syth he had wyrtten a lettre to them / warnynge them þe they shold  
not go / for gonshoe began to faile & the men were wasted by theynge  
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and hurtyng at the assautes in grete quantyte. And yf they abode  
still and gaue no assautes / at the last þ to wne holde be theys. And  
dyuers other thynges the seruaunt sayd of his mayster / of þ which  
I haue spoken parte afoze at the begynnynge / & of the warnynge þ  
he gaue to the grete Turke for to come. ¶ But to retorne to the play  
ne of Italy. After many batayles & assautes doone in the sayd place  
by continuall shot of. xviij. grete gonnes þ bet the sayd playne / the re  
payres & traueses were almost broken & lost. And by trenches the  
enmyes were come ioyninge to þ bracke / and neuer ceased to grate þ  
erthe & scrape the erthe to cause the repayres & traueses to fall. And  
at þ laste the moost parte fell do wne / and our men were constrained  
to leue the sayd playne / sauf a cantell þ was to warde þ see / as it was  
re the thyrde parte therof. Certayne days afoze the enmyes came to  
the fore of the playne / and dyde cut it & repled the erthe / & at the laste  
they passed thorow vnto the to wne walle. & anone began to be we &  
cut as they dyde at þ of Spayne. The lord grete mayster seynge þ  
anone made to cast do wne a parte of the chyrche of our lady de la Vis  
ctory / & of an other chyrche of saynt Panthalion. And win the began  
to make the repayres & traueses as at the place of Spayne. Wheres  
to was made extreme dyligence / but not such as the lord wold / &  
as was nedfull / by cause there was no labourers for to helpe. After  
that the enmyes had wonne the moost parte of the bulwarke of En  
glonde & the playne of Italy they were purposed to make assaut to þ  
sayd playne & to the bracke of Spayne / & to entre in to our repayres  
to wpyne them for to haue the ende of vs. And for euer to affeble the  
repayres & for to abasse vs / the. xxviii. day of Nouembre all alonge  
the day and nyght they ceased not to shote grete artyllery / bothe fro  
the bymines of the dyches with those grete pyeces castynge stones  
of. ix. and. xi. fore thycke / and fro the mantelletes without. And as it  
was rekened they shot the same day and nyght a. C. and. l. tymes or  
more agaynst our repayres and traueses of the walle. ¶ And in the  
mornynge the. xxix. day of the same moneth the bygyl of saynt An  
drew at the spyng of the day the enmyes went thorow þ bracke  
with they baners and entered in to the repayres with greter nobye  
of people than they dide at the grete batayle in Septembre / hardly  
and furiously for to fyght with vs. But at they comynge in the ar  
tyllery of the traueses and the handgonnes / and the gonshot of the  
mylles founde them so wel and so sharply that he that came in was  
anone dispatched and overthowen / and there abode aboue. ii. M. of  
the turkes slayne. The other that came after seynge they slaues  
so euill welcomed / as people that were astonyed and loste they tour  
ned agayne to they trenches. to whome the artyllery of the mylles



shotte by goꝝ poulsly / and halted them to go a pace. And by reporte fro  
 the campe ther dyed syxe thousande or mo that day. The whiche day  
 myght be called very happy / and well fortunate foꝝ vs thanked be  
 god. foꝝ ther was none that thought to escape that day / but to haue  
 dyed all and lost the towne. Howbeit the pleasure of our lord was by  
 euident myracle to haue it other wyse / and the ennys were chased  
 and ouercome. And it is to be noted that the same day the rayne was  
 so grete and so stronge / that it made the erthe to synke a grete dele ꝑ  
 they had caste into the dytches foꝝ to couer them fro the shotte of Mus  
 uergne. And the sayd erthe beyng so sonken / the artylery of the sayd  
 bulwarke (vnwares to them) smote them goynge and comynge and  
 made grete murdre of the sayd dogges. The sayd day also the ennys  
 came to the playne of Italy foꝝ to assaute it / but whā they vnder  
 stode that theyꝝ felowes had ben put backe so rudely / & with so grete  
 slaughter they were afrayde / and so they returned agayne to theyꝝ  
 trenches.

**How the Turkes gate the playne  
 ground of Italy.**


 And that done Almek Bacha seynge theyꝝ besynes every  
 day go fro woꝝ to woꝝ / and that at ꝑ assautes was but  
 losse of people without doyng of ony good / and that there  
 was no man that wyllyngely wolde go to it ony moꝝe / he  
 intended to gyue no mo assautes / but to folowe his tren  
 ches / & by them entre dyscouertly without losse of a man fro ꝑ bracke  
 to the other ende of the towne. Semblably he intended foꝝ to wyne  
 the playne erthe besyde Spayne. The whiche to get he came at ples  
 asure to ꝑ fote of ꝑ wall / & beganne to bete downe the playne groude  
 and to gyue many scarmysches and conspytes to our folke that kepte  
 it. And there was slayne many good men. And at the last foꝝ defaute  
 of moꝝe helpe / and of gonshotte it was lefte and gyue bp of our men /  
 and so loste. That done the ennys came thyder as in other places.  
 And this is the thyꝝde place that they came nere to the fote of ꝑ wall.  
 And who that well consydered in what estate that the poore towne  
 was in that tyme seynge theyꝝ ennys haue so grete auantage /  
 myght well say and iudge that at lengthe it shulde be take and a lost  
 towne.

**How a Geneuey came to the gate of the towne  
 foꝝ to speke foꝝ a treaty / and deliuerance of the  
 same.**



**A**fter þ the sayd Journey was wonne / a felwe dayes after a chrysten man that was in the campe / the whiche by his speche was a Gencueys o: Cypotis came to the gate of Ausuergne / and demaunded to speke / and after that he was questyoned what he wolde haue / he sayd that he had meruayle of vs why we wolde not yelde vs / seyng the pyteous degre þ the towne was in. And he as a chrysten man couysled vs to yelde vs with some agrement. And that yf we wolde loke therto / þ some shulde be foude expedyent to do somwhat for our sauysgarde. And it is to be leue that he sayd not suche wordes no: spake so ferforth in the mater without comyssyon of some of the chref of the campe / o: of þ grette Turke hymselfe. To þ whiche Cypotis was answered that he shulde go away with an euyl happe / & that it neded not to speke of a poyntment. And that thoughe the enmyes had grette auantage / þ there was yet ynoughe wherwith to receyue and fcest them / yf they made ony assaute. These wordes herd he went away. And two dayes after he came agayne and demaunded to speke with a marthaunt Gencueys of the towne named Mathewe de Ura / and he was answered þ he whiche he demaunded was seke / and myght not come / but that he shulde deliyuer the letter & it shulde be gyue to hym. The sayd Cypotis sayd nay / and that he wolde gyue it hymselfe & speke with hym. And sayd þ he had also a letter of þ grette lord / for the lord mayster. Upon this he was boden to go his way / & to further hym to go / they shotte after hþ a pyece of attylery. The nexte day after Ballatis Albanyty that was fled through þ bracke of Spayne to þ campe came fro the sayd Gencueys propolsyng suche wordes o: lyke as the other



had sayd / sayenge lyke wyle that the grete lord had sent a letter to þ  
 lord mayster. To whome no wordes were spoken nor answere made /  
 for the lord grete mayster as wyle and prudent consyderynge that a  
 towne that wyl here entreatynge is halfe lost / made to defende vpon  
 on the peyne of dethe spth that Cypotis had spoken those two tymes  
 that none shuld be so hardy to speke nor answere to them of þ campe /  
 without his knowlege and commaundement / but seynge they were  
 suche embassadours / they reported the wordes of the sayde Albas  
 nyte / or euer þ sayd lord had knowlege of the wordes of Cypotis. The  
 whiche wordes spredde throughe þ towne put many folke i thought /  
 and wolde haue vndone þ that Cypotis sayd. The whiche is no mer  
 uayle there as is moche people / for with good wyl & most often they  
 regarded more soner to saue the lyfe of them & theyr chyldre thā they  
 do to the honour of the resydue. Howbeit not one durst speke a worde  
 openly of that besynesse / but all secretly. And some came and spake to  
 certayne lordes of þ grete crosse for to speke to þ lord grete mayster.  
 And in effecte some lordes spake therof to hym / enhortynge hym that  
 it shulde be good to thynke thereon / seynge that þ towne went to losse.  
 To whome the sayd lord shewed many thynges for his honour and  
 the relygion. And þ no suche thynges ought to be done nor thought /  
 for ony thyng in the worlde / but rather he and they to dye. The lordes  
 herynge this answere wente theyr wayes / and than retourned  
 agayne to the sayd lord / aduysynge hym more to thynke well on all  
 thynges & to the saluacyon of his towne & of his relygion. And they  
 sayd moreouer þ they doubted þ the people wold rather haue apoynt  
 ment than to dye / and theyr wyues and chyldren. The lord seynge þ  
 suche wordes were as thynges enforced (as who shulde say) yf thou  
 do it not / we shall do it as wyle men and prudent / wyllynge to make  
 remedies of nedefull thynges by counsell made to cal the lordes of his  
 counsell for to haue aduise in these doynges and other. And whā they  
 were assembled / the lord proposed the wordes that were to hym de  
 nounced / & sayd. With these termes & wordes came two or thre may  
 chauntes & cytezens of þ towne that knocked at the doze of þ counsell  
 & presented a supplicacyon to þ grete mayster & lordes of þ counsell /  
 wherby they requyred and broughe mechly þ sayd reuerende lord  
 haue respyte to them and theyr poore householdes / and to make some  
 apoyntment with the grete Turke / seynge that the sayd mater was  
 all redy forwarde in purpose that he wolde do it. And that it wolde  
 please hym to consyder the pyteous & sorowfull estate that the towne  
 was in. And that there was no remedy to saue it. And at the last way  
 yf the lord wolde not make a poyntment to geue them leue (of his  
 goodnes) to haue theyr wyues & theyr chyldre out of þ bondes to saue

them for they wolde not that they were slayne nor made slaues to the  
enmyes. And the cōclusyon was that yf the sayd lord wolde not pur-  
uey therfore they wolde puruey for it themselfe. And there was wy-  
ten in the sayd request the names of eyghte or ten of the rycheſt of the  
towne (whiche wordes of the sayd supplicacyon herde) the sayd lord  
and his counsell were abashed and euyll content as reason wolde / se-  
yng that it was but a course game / and thought on many thynges  
to make answer to þe sayd cyterynge / for to content and appease them  
And also to se yf they shulde intende to the apoyntment / as they re-  
quyred / and after as the Geneuoy hadde reported. And the better to  
make the sayd answer / and to knowe more playnly in what degre þe  
towne was in all thynges. That is to wyte / fyrst of powders / & than  
of men of warre / and of the katteryes. Also were interroged and que-  
stioned the lord of saynt Gyles þe Johan whiche had the charge  
of the powders / and than the capytayne syr Gabryell Martynnyng  
for beyng ouer theyr men of warre (as it is sayd) as to hym þe knewe  
the truthe yf the towne myght holde or not / or there were expedyent  
to saue it. The sayd lord of saynt Gyles arose sayenge & affyrmyng  
vpon his honour and his consyence that almost all the slaues and  
labourers were deed and hurte. And þe scantly there was folke ynowe  
to remouue a pyece of artillery fro one place to an other / & that it was  
vnpossyble without folke any more to make or set vp the repayres the  
whiche every day were broken and crusshe by the grete / furuous /  
and cōtynual shotte of the enmyes artillery. As for powders þe sayde  
lord sayde / that all that was for stowe in the towne was spent longe  
agone. And of that / that was newly brought was not to serue & fur-  
nyll the two assautes. And he seyng the grete auantage of the en-  
myes beþge so ferre within the towne without powder to put or chase  
them awaye for defaute of men was of the oppynyon that the towne  
wolde be loste / and that there was no meanes to saue it. The wordes  
of the sayde lord fynnyshed / the capytayne Gabryell Martynnyng  
for his dyscharge sayd and declared to the reuerende lord and them  
of the counsell / that seyng and consyderynge the grete betynges of  
shotte that the towne hadde suffered / and after seyng the entrynge  
that the enmyes had so large / and that they were within the towne  
by theyr trenches bothe endelonge and ouerthwart. Seyng also  
that in two other places they were at the fote of the wall / and that þe  
moſte parte of our knyghtes and me of warre and other were slayne  
and hurte / and the powders wasted / & that it was vnpossyble for the  
to resyste theyr enmyes any more / that withoute doubte the towne  
was lost yf there came no socoures for to helpe and resyste the spege.  
The whiche oppynyons and reasones of these two worthy men and



expert in suche feates vnderstanden & pōdred by the lord grete may  
 ster and the lordes of the counsell/they were moost parte aduysed for  
 to accept and take treaty yf it were offred/for the saufgarde of the co  
 myn people/and of the holy relikes of the chyrche/as parte of h  
 ly crosse/the holy thorne/the hande of saynt Johan and parte of h  
 heed/and dyuers other holy relikes. Wherby the lord grete mayster  
 to whome the besynesse belonged very nere/and that toke it most he  
 uily/and was more sorowful than ony of the other as reason requy  
 red was alway stedfast in his fyrst purpose/rather wyllynge to dye  
 than to consent to suche a thyng/and sayd agayne to the lordes of  
 counsell. Aduysle you and thynke well on euery thyng/and of p  
 ende that may happen/and he p̄posed to the ym. ii. poyntes. That is to  
 wyte. Whyder is it better for vs to dye all/or to saue the people & the  
 holy relikes. The which. ii. poyntes and doubtes were longe time  
 dysputed/and there was dyuers oppynions. Auert helesse at p  
 last they sayd all p̄ howbeit that it were well and lawfully done to dye for  
 the faythe and moost of honour for vs. For withstandynge seyn and  
 consydered p̄ there is no remedy to resyste agaynst our enemyes/nor  
 meanes to saue the towne. And on the other parte that p̄ grete Tur  
 ke wolde not oppresse vs to forsake our faythe/but onely wolde haue  
 the towne/it were moche better than and soundynge to greter welth  
 to saue all the iewelles abouesayd that sholde be desoyled and lost yf  
 they came in the handes of the enemyes of the faythe. And also to ke  
 pe so moche small people as women and chyldren p̄ they wolde tour  
 ment and cut some in pyeces/other take and parforced to cause them  
 to forsake theyr faythe/With innumerable vyolences and shamefull  
 synnes that sholde be commytted and doone yf the towne were put  
 to blode as was doone at Odon/and lately at Bellegrado. Wherby  
 they dyde conclude that it were better and more agreable to god for  
 to take the treaty yf it were proffered than for to dye as people despe  
 rate and without hope.

**H**ow the grete turke sent two of his men to the towne  
 to haue it by entreatynge. And how the lord grete may  
 ster sent two knyghtes to hym to knowe his assurance.





**S** Don these termynacions & wordes the dypynite p̄saueth  
 them trustynge in hym and p̄ wolde not that so many euyl  
 les & cruelties sholde come to p̄ poore cyte & inhabytauntes  
 of it. And also p̄ the grete turke arise not in ouer grete pryde  
 & haynglozy put him in wyll to seke to haue p̄ sayd to done by treaty  
 whiche he ought not to haue done for his honour nor by reason for p̄  
 to done in a maner was his. And in lyke wyse he ought not to haue le  
 ten vs go as he dyde seynge p̄ we were his mortall enemyes euer &  
 shall be styll in the tyme comynge consyderinge the grete slaughter  
 of his people p̄ we haue made in this spege. Wherby p̄ eternall good  
 nesse hath blynded hym & hath pleased that these thynges sholde be  
 thus for some cause vnkno wen of vs. And for conclusyon p̄ grete tur  
 ke sent to haue a comunyacion & spekyng to gyder in folowynge p̄  
 wordes of the Geneuey aforesayd. Than was a signefet vpon p̄ chir  
 chedes le Nonistres wout the towne to the whiche was made ans  
 swere with another at the mylles of Quosquino. And forthwith came  
 me. ii. turkes for to speke w̄ them of the towne. Than the lord grete  
 mayster sent the pryncer of saynt Gyles pr̄c John and p̄ capytayne  
 Gabryell martyningo to knowe p̄ cause of the pr̄ comynge. And whā  
 they came to them without holdynge of longe purpose the two tur  
 kes deliuered them a lettre for to bere to the lord grete mayster fro  
 the grete turke and than retourned directly in to the pr̄ tentes. Whan



the two lordes had receyued it they bare and presented it to the reue-  
rent lord grete mayster. Whiche caused it to be redde. By the which  
the grete turke demaunded of the lord grete mayster to yelde þ to  
ne to hym/and in so doyng he was content to lete hym goo & all his  
knyghtes/ & all the other people of what comyepon so euer they we-  
re/ w all they goodes and iewels saue/ without to haue feare of any  
harne or dyspleasure of his folkes. And also he swore and promysed  
on his fayth so to doo. The sayd letre was sealed with his sygne þ  
he bleth/ that is as it were gyted. And he sayd afterwarde þ the  
lord grete mayster wolde not accepte the sayd treaty/ that none of þ  
cyte of what estate so euer he were sholde thynke to escape/ but that  
they all vnto the rattes sholde passe by the edge of the swerde/ & that  
they sholde lede hym an answer forth with/ cyther ye/ or nay. After  
the syght of the contentes of the sayd letre of so grete weyght/ & the  
tyme so shorte for to gyue so grete an answer & with demaunde/ the  
sayd lord grete mayster and al the lordes of the counceill were in gre-  
te thought. howbeit they were delybered to gyue answer. Seyng  
the ordynauce of the towne so yll þ it coude be no woys. Herpynge þ  
reporthe and oppynions a day or two before of the. ii. lordes ordeyned  
vpon þ effectes of the towne/ sayenge þ the towne was lost without  
remedy. Consyderynge also þ the pynepalles of the towne wolde  
haue appoyntement. And in lyke wyse at the other counceill all þ lords  
des had all redy wyll and declared þ it were better to saue þ to wys  
for respect of the pooe people/ than to put it all hole to the furour of þ  
enmyes. Where vpon they agreed and concluded to take the foresayd  
treaty. After the conclusyon taken/ answer was made redyly for a  
good respecte. That it to wyte to take the Turke at his worde to the  
ende þ he sholde not repent hym of it nor chaunge his oppynion. For  
euery houre his people wanne and entred ferder and ferder in to the  
towne. And for to go vnto the grete Turke was ordeyned these two  
knyghtes/ sy Bassyn afore named/ and he bare the token of þ whys-  
te crosse. And another of the towne named Robert de Berrutis iuge  
ordynary. When these two ambassadours had made them redy  
they went oute at the gate of Quosquino and went to the tent of Ac-  
mek bacha capytayne generall. And bycause it was late/ and þ they  
myght not go that day to the grete Turke/ on the next day in þ mor-  
nyng the foresayd capytayne Acmek ledde and conueyed our sayd  
ambassadours to the grete Turkes pauplyon/ that they myght ha-  
ue knowlege more playnly/ and for to here his wyll as touchynge þ  
wordes the which were reported to þ reuerent lord grete mayster  
and after the contentes of his letre and wyptynges. When þ sayd  
two ambassadours were departed out of the towne there dyde entre

two men of auctorite of the campe. One was newe of kynnesman  
of the sayd Acmek. the other was the grete turkes trucheman. Whis  
che the lord mayster caused to be well receyued. & they were lodged  
nygh the sayd gate of Quosquino. And than trewes was taken for  
iii. dayes. and the enmyes came to our repayres and spake with our  
folke and dranke one with another.

**H**ow the ambassadours of Rhodes spake with the grete  
turke and what answer they had.



**W**hen our ambassadours had made reuerence to þe grete  
Turke they sayd that þe lord grete mayster of Rhodes  
had sent the to his imperyll mageste to knowe what  
he maunded & demaunded as to haue spekyng togy  
der & how the grete mayster had receyued his lettre.  
The grete Turke made to answer them by his trucheman. þe of des  
maundyng to speke togyder. nor wytyng of lettre to þe grete may  
ster he knewe nothyng. Howbeit syth the grete mayster had sent to  
hym for to knowe his wyll he bade say to them that the grete may  
ster sholde yelde hym þe towne. And in so doyng he promysed by his  
faythe for to lete hym go with all his knyghtes & all other þe wolde  
go with theyr goodes. Without to haue any dyspleasure of his peo  
ple of the campe. And yf he accepted not þe sayd treaty to notyf hym  
that he wolde neuer departe fro before Rhodes tyll he had taken it.



that all his myght of Turky sholde dye there but yf he had it/and þ  
there sholde neyther grete nor lytell escape/ but vnto the cattes they  
sholde be all put in pyeces. And sayd þ within. iiii. dayes they sholde  
gyue hym an answer. For he wolde not that his people sholde lese  
tyme. And þ durynge the sayd trowes they shold make no repayres  
nor defences win the towne. ¶ When the grete lord had ended his  
wordes our ambassadours toke theyr leue of hym/ and retorned to þ  
towne/ & there was gyuen to eche of them a ryche garment of braid  
ched veluet with clothe of golde of þ turkyllhe facyon. Than Acmek  
bacha toke syr Bessyn/ & ledde hym to his pauplyon/ and in treatyn  
ge hym ryght well caused hym to abyde al þ day and nyght. And in  
eatynge & drynkyng they had many purposes of thynges done at  
the spege/ questyonynge eche other. And amonge all other thynges  
our ambassadour demaunded of Acmek/ & prayed hym to tel for trouth  
how many men dyed of the capesyth þ spege was layde. The sayd  
bacha swore vpon his saythe and certyfied þ there was deed of the  
campe of vyolent dethe/ that is to say of gonshot and other wayes.  
lxxiii. M. men or mo/ besyde them that dyed of sekenesse whiche were  
about. xl. or. l. thousande. ¶

¶ How one of the ambassadours made answer of his message  
And how the compys wolde not agre to yelde the towne.

¶ Toorne We now to our purpose & to the answer þ our am  
bassadours brought to þ lord grete mayster. The sayd Ro  
bert Derruse made the answer & tolde what the grete tur  
ke had sayd/ certyspege þ he wolde haue an answer lpyght  
ly eyther ye or nay. The whiche answer after the demau  
de of the grete turke hath ben purposed and concluded by þ hole coun  
cell and his offere & treaty accepted/ howbeit the sayd ambassadours  
had it not to do so soone nor the fyrst tyme that they went for good rea  
sons/ but yet they wolde not dysferre it/ for fcare that he sholde repēt  
hym. And vpon these termynacyōs þ they wolde haue sent the sayd  
Derruse to bere the answer came some of the comyn people of þ tow  
ne to the lord grete mayster þ was with the lordes of the counacell/  
and sayd þ they were aduertysed of the apoyntement that he had ma  
de with the grete turke/ and þ he wolde yelde the towne w couenaū  
tes by hym taken/ whiche they semed ought not to be done wout cal  
linge of them. And bycause they were not called to it they sayd þ they  
wolde not agre herto. And þ it were better for them to dye/ for þ gre  
te turke by some way wolde put them all to dethe/ as was doone in  
Bellegrado in Hungry. ¶

How the lord grete mayster sent two ambassadours for  
the compys to the grete Turke. ~~~~~

**W**han the reuerent lord grete mayster had herde the  
wordes he sayd graciously to them þ as touchinge to  
haue accept the grete turkes offre it was of force to do  
in the degre þ the towne was. and the causes wher  
for he had doone it the counsell had seen & dyscussed &  
þ it was a thyng that myght not / nor ought not to be sayd nor pub  
lyshed in comyn for reportyng of it to þ enmyes by traytours but  
be kept still & secrete. And moreover þ it was concluded to make an  
answere shortly for to take the grete turke at his worde lest he repes  
ted him. For yf they had ben called oþ answere had be gyuen it had  
ben ouer longe besynesse & in the meane tyme the turke myght haue  
chaunged his mynde & that þ he had doone and concluded with the  
grete turke the lordes of the counsell had wel regarded & consydered  
in all thynges & for they prouffyte and auantage as moche oþ mo  
re as for þ of the religyon. And þ they wolde sende to the grete Turke  
agayne other ambassadours the better to knowe his wyll and to be  
surer of his promysse. Than þ lord grete mayster ordeyned. ii. other  
ambassadours for to go to þ grete turke. whiche were. ii. Spanyar  
des. þ one named sy Raymon market & the other messire Loup / at  
whose pfluenge entred sy Dallyn þ fyrst ambassadour & the other. ii.  
Went to þ tent of Armech bacha for to lede them to þ grete turke. And  
whan they were with the turkes pauplyon & had done hym reuerẽ  
ce as apperteyned out ambassadours sayd þ the grete mayster had  
herde & seen his demaunde to yelde þ towne. And for þ it is a thyng  
of grete weyght and þ he had to do & say w many men of dyuers na  
tyons & bycause the tyme of answer was so shorte he myght not do  
þ þ he demaunded so soone. Howbeit he wolde speke w his people &  
than he wolde gyue hym an answer. ~~~~~

How the turke began the assaut / and how the compys  
agreed to yelde the towne. ~~~~~

**W**han the grete turke herde the answer of our ambassa  
dours / he sayd no thyng but comaunded his bachas þ  
they sholde begyn the batayle agayne to the towne. þ  
whiche was doone. And than the trewes was broken  
and the shot of the enmyes was sharper than it was  
fore. And on the other syde nothyng oþ betayl tell for faure of pow  
ers. For that / that there was left / was kept for some grete assaute oþ



neede. Howbeit the sayd Armech Bacha kepte one of the embassadours  
and messyge Loup onely entred. The grete mayster seyng the warre  
begonne / and the shotte thycher than it was afore / and the ennys  
entre hourely by theyr trenches ferder into the towne / made to call  
them that tofore had sayd to hym that they wolde not þe towne sholde  
be yeldd / but had leuer for to deye. And therfore the sayd lord sayd  
that he was content for to deye with them / and that they shulde dys-  
pose them to defende themselves well / or to do theyr deuour better thā  
they had done in tyme past. And to the ende þeche one of them shulde  
haue knowlege of his wyll (for as than he spake but to foure or fyue  
of them that gaynsayd hym). He made a cry thughe all the towne þe  
all they that were holden to be at the postes or gates shulde gyue at-  
tendaunce / and not to come away daye nor nyght on payne of dethe.  
For afore the Rodyens came but lytell there. And that the othet that  
were not of þe postes / or that were of his socours / shulde go to þe bracke  
of Spayne where the sayd lord was continually / & not to go away  
day nor nyght on the aboue sayd payne. The sayd crye made echone  
were obedyente for a daye or twayne / howbeit a yonge Rodyen lefte  
his poste and wente to his house / whiche on þe nexte day was hanged  
for brekyng of the lordes commaundement. Not withstādyng that  
by lytell and lytell the people anoyed them and theyr hertes sayled / &  
lefte the postes and brackes / in suche wyse that the ennys myght  
come in without to fynde grete resystence / but of a fewe that þe lord  
mayster caused to abyde there (þe is to wyte) knyghtes of his socours  
And in the nyght made to serche mo people for to kepe the watche at  
the sayd bracke / and payed to them asmoche as they wolde. The sayd  
lord seyng hym thus abandoned and lefte of his people / he made to  
aske them agayne wherfore they dyd not theyr deuour / & why they  
came not to deye / as they sayde before. Whiche made answer þe they  
saue and knewe well that the towne was lost for certayne reasons þe  
was tolde the / by occasyon wherof they had gaynsayde þe ordynance  
of the sayd lord / & sayd that they had be wronge enformed of dyuers  
thynges. And on the other syde that they feared that þe Turke wolde  
not holde his worde. But syth they saue that there was none other re-  
medy but to abyde the aduenture & fortune / they sayde that they put  
all to the sayd lord to do that he semed good / and þe he wolde se what  
were best for them. And requyred the lord to do them somoche grace  
as to let them chose one or two amonge the for to go to þe grete Turke  
with his ambassadours for to haue surety of hym. The whiche was  
graunted / and two ordynary ambassadours were chosen for them /  
one Nicholas Vergoty / and the other Piero of saynt Cretyce / and þe  
foresayd Bassyn shulde retorne with them for to make the sayde an-

were. Than the grete mayster or they departed (prolongynge the tyme as in moche as he myght) aduysed to sende a letter to the grete Turke/the whiche his grauncfader had wryten or caused to be wryten. In the whiche letter he gaue his malediction or curse to his chyldren & successours / yf they interprysed to besyge Rhodes. The sayde Robert Perruce bare the sayde letter. And as he was accustomed / he went to Acmek Bacha for to cause hym to haue audyence / & presente the sayd letter. And Bacha sayd he wolde se þe letter. For it is þe guyse in the grete Turkes courte that none may speke to hym nor gyue hym letter / but he be aduertysed fyrst / what shall be sayd or what shall be wryten. Whan þe Bachas had sene the wordes wryten in the sayd letter / he brake it and kest it on the grounde / & dyd trede vpon it / saynge many inuious and belanous wordes to the sayd Juge. And badde hym to retourne fast to his grete mayster / and bydde hym to thynke on his besynesse / and to make answer to the grete lorde (as he hadde sent & commaunded) or els it shulde not be longe or he sawe his dolorous and wofull ende. And that same day were taken two men of oures that bare erthe towarde the bulwarke of Englande. Of whome the sayd Acmek caused an offycer to cutte of theyr noses / syngers & eeres and gaue them a letter to bere to þe lorde grete mayster. Wherin was grete wordes and thretenynges. After the sayd Perruce was returned / messyre Bassyn was sent agayne to the sayd Bacha / for to wryte of hym yf the grete Turke wolde be content with any somme of money for his costes and expences / that he had made for his army. The whiche answered that suche wordes nor offres of syluer was not to be sayd nor presented to the grete lorde / on payne of lyfe / and that he set more by honour than by syluer. And therfore he bade hym retourne and say to the grete mayster that he make answer to the grete lorde after his demaunde to yelde or not yelde the towne. The sayd Bassyn made relacyon of þe wordes of Bacha to þe grete mayster. The whiche for the grete sorowe that he had (dyffered alwayes) sawe hymselfe in suche pyteous estate. Not withstandinge the sayd lorde puttynge all to the wyll of our lorde / and consyderynge that there was no tyme by to do otherwyle / nor to respit any more his enemyes / and beyng constrained on all sydes to make the apoyntment / with grete heuynes / inestimable dolors and bewaylynges / at the laste gaue his voyce to yelde the towne (with the treatys or offres to hym presented) which was the .xx. day of December / the yere of our lorde a thousande fyue hundredeth and two and twenty.

**C**An abiectiō to suche as wyll make questyon  
for the losse & deluyeraunce of the cytee of Rhodes.



**A**d yf by ony it were obiet Wherfore the sayd lord grete  
mayster hath yelded þe towne to the grete Turke / demaun-  
dyng it w<sup>th</sup> treaty & couenautes / whiche was a sygne that  
he feared & wolde no more fyght / but go his way. To this  
I answered. Not withstandyng þe grete Turke was  
aduertysed by some treatours / & by other þe fledde to þe campe / that þe  
powders almoost fayled / & that there was but fewe mē of warre win  
the towne / yet he beleued not nor gaue credence of all þe was reported  
to hym / but thought verely þe we had ynough for a grete whyle. And  
consydered þe he must tary tyll they were wasted & spent / wherto bes-  
houed tyme. And seynge all his estate entered in straunge places / and  
in landes of his enemyes / & had ben there all redy. vi. monethes ( & not  
without grete daunger of his owne persone ). Thynkyng on þe other  
syde / þe takyng þe towne by assaute he shulde lose many of his folke.  
And yet whan he had ouertome & wonne the towne / they shulde fall  
eche vpon other in departyng of the buty or pylage / doubtyng fy-  
nably the hasarde of warre. For these reasones and other þe may be al-  
leged / the grete Turke had moche leuer to haue þe towne by composy-  
tion & treaty than otherwyle. And it suffysed hym to dyspue his olde  
enemyes out of þe countrees of leuant / & set þe subiectes of his countrees  
in rest and surty. And we of the towne þe knewe our weykenesse / and  
that we myght no more / it semed better to saue somoche small people  
than we and they to fall in the woodnes of our enemyes / for otherwyle  
coude we not haue done / but tempte god and deped as in dyspayre.

**H**ow the cytee of Rhodes was yelden to þe grete Turke / &  
of the yll behauour of certayne Turkes.

**B**ut to returne to our pynceypall. After that the reuerende  
grete mayster had gyuen his voyce to the yeldyng of the  
towne / he sent the sayde Bassyn agayne for to bere it to the  
grete Turke. And with hym went the two men that were  
chosen of the comyns. And they wente all thre toggyder to þe  
tent of Acmek Bacha. To whome the sayde Bassyn fyrrst made this  
pyteous answer and conelusion to yelde the towne. Not withstan-  
dyng he sayd the people had ordeyned two men amonge them for to  
go to the grete Turke / to speke of theyr partyculer doynges / and to  
haue some swertry of theyr persones / wyues / and chyldren / to the ende  
that it were not done to them / as of those of Bellegrado. The sayde  
Acmek ledde the thre ambassadours towarde the grete Turke. And  
whan they were entered in the pauphyon / the sayde messyre Bassyn  
made the report of his ambassade to the sayde lord / & sayde that the  
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grete mayster yelded hym the towne vnder the promes made of his  
impervall mageste with þe treaty promysed. Of the whiche promysc  
he helde hym sure and certayne / and that he wolde not do it at lesse.  
Howbeit the people had requyred hym to gyue them lycence to go to  
his maieste / for to aske some request of hym. Than the two cytezens  
besought þe grete Turke that he wolde for surety remoeue his campe  
fro the towne / to the ende that they shulde haue no lettynge nor hurte  
of theyr bodyes nor goodes / and that they that wolde go shulde go / &  
that they that wolde abyde styll myght be well treated. The grete  
Turke made it to be to sayd by his truchemā to messyre Passyn that  
he accepted the towne / and promysed agayne vpon his fapth and on  
his honour to the lorde grete mayster that he wolde kepe hym that  
he had promysed / and sent to hym by the same Passyn that he shulde  
not doubte of the contrary. And yf he had not shyppes ynow for to ca-  
ry his people & theyr goodes that he wolde let them haue of his / and  
that he wolde cause to belyuer the artylery that was wont to be in þe  
shippes of relygion. And as touchynge to the request of the people /  
he sayd that he wolde remoeue the campe. And that they that wolde  
abyde / let them abyde and they shulde be well treated / & shulde paye  
no trybute in fyue yeres / and theyr chyldren shulde not be touched / &  
who that wolde go within the sayd space of fyue yeres / let them go in  
good tyme. These wordes ended our ambassadours toke leue of hym  
And whan they were pssued / they spake agayne with þe sayd Achmek  
Bacha for to haue a letter of the contentes of the promysc of the sayde  
lorde. And by his commaundement the sayd letter was made / wher  
by he promysed to lette go the grete mayster with all his knyghtes /  
straungers and men of the towne that wolde go with theyr goodes w-  
out to haue dyspleasure of ony of his people of the campe / or by the  
wayes. Whan þe letter was made it was belyuered to messyre Pass-  
yn. And as to wchynge to withdraue the campe the sayd Bacha pro-  
mysed agayne that he wolde do it / lyth the grete lorde wolde so. How-  
beit he remoeued but fro the trenches / and some of his people wente  
a lytell way of. And the sayd Bacha demaunded in the Turkes be-  
halfe that they shulde sende to hym in hostage foure & twenty knygh-  
tes / wherof two shulde be of the grete crosse / and two and twenty cy-  
tezens. And the sayd lorde shulde sende onely a capytayne with thre  
or foure hundred Gensyllaires for to kepe the towne whan þe campe  
were withdrawen. And so it was doone / and belyde this he gaue a  
xij. dayes of respyte to the lorde grete mayster / to prepare hym and  
departe out of Rhodes. And in conclusyon all this done / our ambassa-  
dours returned and made the reporte to the reuerende grete mayster  
of all that he had done and practysed with the grete Turke & the sayd



bacha & gaue hym þe lettre for to go surely. Than þe grete mayster w<sup>th</sup>  
his tounceyll ordeyned þe .xxiii. persones & other of þe towne. Whan  
they were redy they went to þe campe. Where they were wel intre-  
sted. iiii. dayes. Durynge this tyme ferra bacha passed þe mayne lon-  
de to the campe w. .xxiii. or .xxv. M genyllaires. Whiche by þe comaū-  
dement of þe grete Turke was gone vpon þe bordres of the countrees of  
Sophy. For the turkeseynges þe people of þe campe dyscouraged & wol-  
de nomore go to þe assautes sent to þe sayd bachas to come to Rhodes w<sup>th</sup>  
his people. Whiche wold soze w<sup>th</sup> theyr bodies as frellhe men. And it  
was worke of god & euident myracle þe they came after þe the appoyn-  
tement was made. For yf they had comen afore it is to suppoles þe þe  
dede had gone other wyse & there had ben many strokes gyuen. but  
I beleue þe the ende sholde haue ben pitous for vs. but god wold not  
þe the turke sholde haue byctory vpon vs as he ought to haue had. se-  
yng the grete auantage þe he had in all thynges. but he blynded h<sup>is</sup>  
& wolde not þe he knewe his myght. And on þe other parte it may be  
sayd & meruayled how it is possyble alway to haue ouercome our eu-  
myes in all assautes & scarmysches. & at the ende to lese þe towne. pre-  
ferrynge the wyll of god þe so hath pleased for some cause to vs vnkno-  
wen. It is to beleue þe lacke of men & gonshot. & the enemyes loo ferre  
w<sup>th</sup> in the towne. & redy to entre at other places w<sup>th</sup> þe treasons hath  
caused þe towne to be lost. Two or. iiii. dayes after the comynge of the  
sayd bacha his genyllaires & other of the campe entred in to þe towne  
whiche was on Crystmas day. w<sup>th</sup> in þe tyme gyuen to vs. & than the  
turkes worde was broken. yf it were his wyll or not I can not tell.  
Neuerthelesse there was noo word drawn. & in þe promysse was  
kept. But they made pylage & entred by force in to þe houses of þe cas-  
tell. & toke all þe they myght and wolde. After þe they had ransaked þe  
houses they entred in to the chyrches. & pylled all þe they fonde. and  
brake þe ymages. And there was no crucyfix. nor fygure of our lady  
nor of other sayntes þe abode hole. Than w<sup>th</sup> a grete inhumanyte they  
went in to þe hospytall of poore & seke folke called þe fermory. & toke all  
the syluer vessel þe seke folke were serued w<sup>th</sup> & reyled them out of theyr  
beddes & droue them awayne. some w<sup>th</sup> grete strokes of staues. & some  
were cast doune fro þe galyes. Whan these howdes had done þe acte  
they went to þe chyrche of saynt Iohn & toke doune tobes of the grete  
maysters & sought yf there were ony treasure w<sup>th</sup> them. & they forced  
certayne women & maydens. And all they þe were cristned & had ben  
turkes afore. were they men. women or chyldren. & chyldren that þe  
sayd men had made crysten they led in to turky. Whiche is greter im-  
portafice than ony of the other. The more we after Crystmas daye þe  
reuerent lorde grete mayster went to the grete turkes pauplyon for

to dysple hym / & to be better assured of his promysse. the whiche lord  
 de he made to be well and graciously receyued. And caused to say to  
 hym by his trucheman that the case so happened to hy was a thynge  
 ge blual and comyn / as to lese to ones and lordshippes / and that he  
 sholde not take ouer moche thought for it. And as for his promysse he  
 bade that he sholde not doubt in ony thynge. And that he sholde not  
 feare ony dyspleasure to his persone / and that he sholde go with his  
 people without feare. With these wordes þe sayd lord thanked hym  
 and toke his leue and departed. ¶

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¶ So I tell boke and wofull tragedie:  
 Of the Rodyan ferfull oppugnacyon  
 To all estates complanynge ruthfully  
 Of thyn estate / and sodayne transmutacyon  
 Excusynge me yf in thy translacyon  
 Dought be amysse in language or in werke  
 I me submytte with the printer supportacyon  
 To be correct that am so small a clerke.

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